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# State housing child molesters at local motel

## Community protection laws limit places they can live

**By K.C. MEADOWS**
**The Daily Journal**

The state of California is contracting with a local motel to house sex offenders on parole in Mendocino County for as much as $2,300 a month each. Those parolees do not show up on a statewide list of addresses where sex offenders are living in town.

Six sex offenders - in this case all child molesters - are now living at the Ramada Inn on Talmage Road because the state has trouble quickly finding housing for them that doesn't violate the terms of Jessica's Law, which limits the places sex offenders can live.

According to Department of Corrections spokesman Bill Sessa, Jessica's Law, intended to protect children from child molesters, also limits the living areas for all sex offenders, including those who have not committed crimes against chil-

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

### Hopland, Redwood Valley, Willits and Ukiah

**Hopland Band of Pomo Indians**

•Provide activities for youth and seniors (includes transportation and chaperone).

•Cultural program sedge project. Transplanting and preparing areas for sedge root.

For more information, contact Arlis Steele @744-1647x1500

**Mendocino County Releaf**

•Tree planting in the Ukiah area during the months of December, January and February.

For more information, contact Miles Gordon at 462-0244.

**The Salvation Army**

•Volunteer bell ringers for the Temporary Emergency Assistance Fund starting Nov. 26 to Dec. 24.

For more information, contact Janet Cetani @ 468-9577

**California Conservation Corps**

•Provide leadership training to 18-23-year-old men and women.

•These skills include: interview skills, math, literacy, home finance and basic garment repair.

For more information, contact LaVone Dyer @ 463-2822

**Redwood Valley Rancheria**

•Provide financial literacy classes

For more information, contact Hai-Lee Sun @ 485-0361

**Literacy Volunteers of Willits**

•Teach adults (16 and over) to read and write

For more information, call 459-5098

**Ukiah Literacy Alliance**

•Teach adults (18 and over) to read and write. For more information, call 463-4155

**Mendocino County Volunteer of the Year Awards (MCOVY)**

•Annual dinner event that recognizes volunteers (adult and youth) in Mendocino County. This event is held in April.

For more information, contact Vicki Sparkman or Tami Bartolomei @ 462-2596

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## Critical Mass

### Local cyclists take to the streets in monthly ride





MacLeod Pappidas/The Daily Journal
**Critical Mass cyclists travel north on Dora Street Friday evening during their monthly ride. Individuals took turns leading the group on the impromptu route.**

**By BEN BROWN**
**The Daily Journal**

The dozen or so people riding their bikes on Dora Street Friday night might not have appeared to have been doing anything extraordinary, but they were actually participating in a social event that got its start in San Francisco in the early '90s.

Critical Mass, known first as "Commute Clot," was born on Sept. 25, 1992, in San Francisco, when a couple of dozen cyclists rode their bikes through the streets of San Francisco to make a point about bike commuting and the environment.

Since then it has spread to 325 cities nationwide, and the San Francisco event attracts close to 1,000 riders every month.

Ukiah has been having its own Critical Mass off and-on since April. Like its predecessor, there is little or no organization.

"It's pretty ad-hoc and spur of the moment," said Jessica Clark, one of the riders Friday.

The group meets at Alex Thomas Plaza on the last Friday of every month at around 5:30 p.m. The route is decided by consensus, or by anyone who happens to start riding first.

It's a motley group of professionals, lawyers, mature bike mechanics and teachers riding on an assortment of bikes from cruisers to road bikes.

"A little parade, a little cruise, a whole lot of fun," Clark said.

Potter Valley teacher Dan Holbrook said this is not the first time Ukiah has had a Critical Mass event. He said six years ago, a similar series of rides attracted almost three times as many cyclists.

Clark said the first ride in April attracted more than

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## 1ST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR RACE

# Manager of Farm Bureau a candidate

**By ROB BURGESS**
**The Daily Journal**

Potter Valley resident Carre Brown, the longtime administrator of the Mendocino County Farm Bureau, will run for 1st District supervisor in June's primary election. Brown filed candidacy papers with the county clerk on Thursday.

Brown said she's not running on one particular issue, and that it's just the right time for her.



Brown

"I'm running for more general reasons," she said. "I feel it's time for me to throw my hat into the ring. I'm the type of person who likes to keep a positive outlook. I'm not mad. I feel the Board of Supervisors needs a strong leader to help the county."

The position is currently held by Supervisor Michael Delbar. Brown said she knows all of the supervisors personally and through her position.

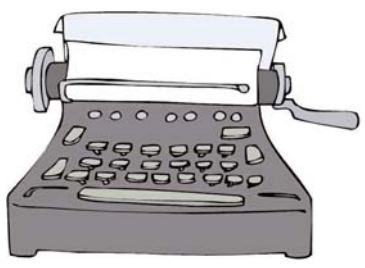
"My experience working with the community is well-established," she said. "I attend a lot of Board of Supervisors meetings."

In March, Brown was recognized by state Sen. Patricia Wiggins (D-Santa Rosa), who named Brown the 2nd Senate District "Woman of the Year" for 2007. The Woman of the Year commemoration is an annual event recognizing outstanding women in each of California's 40 Senate districts.

In addition to being in her 20th year as the Farm Bureau administrator, Brown is also a member of Mendocino County Cattlewomen, the Mendocino County Employers Council, the Public Policy

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## Inside UDJ



The Blog is at www.ukiahdailyjournal.com

**By K.C. MEADOWS, editor**



Meadows

*A note from K.C. Meadows: Today the Daily Journal will begin on Sundays to give our readers a sampling of what's been on The Daily Journal Internet blog "Inside UDJ" during the week. I have readers who tell me that they still don't surf the Internet but would love to see some of the blog stuff. Most days on the blog I provide some thoughts on local issues, people or events. On Thursday the following went on the blog. It's a long one so I'll stop there this week. On future Sundays I'll also hope to print not only the blog entries but some of the reader comments too. Of course, if you want to see the blog as it's written, you can log on the www.ukiahdailyjournal.com any day and have a look.*

**Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007**

Last night and today I have had several conversations about water in the Ukiah Valley and the bottom line seems to be that no one really knows how much water we have, that many people are claiming rights to have more than they do have, that a lot of the water "rights" are just "paper rights" -("Just add water!" one local quipped) and that sooner rather than later someone is going to sue the county over a development that will need water that simply isn't there. I'm guessing that could well turn out to be the DDR project at the old Masonite site.

If someone does sue, that means that the matter of what will happen to our water resources and what the best use of water is in the valley will end up in a courtroom for ten years and after that we'll probably have some court ordered water allotment no one will be happy with and which will result in a very drastic curb on growth in our area. (Can you say timber industry?)

For a lot of people in the valley that will be great news.

DDR seems pretty confident that it will be able to get water from Millview Water District , but that's not necessarily a done deal. Millview is under a state-ordered moratorium on water hookups right now. The way I understand it, DDR says it's letting Millview have the water rights from the Masonite site which Millview will then allot to DDR's 500,000

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# DAILY DIGEST

Editor: Jody Martinez, 468-3517 The Ukiah Daily Journal udj@pacific.net

# The world briefly

## Swiss campaign would deport foreigners convicted of a crime and their families

GENEVA (AP) — The campaign poster was blatant in its xenophobic symbolism: Three white sheep kicking out a black sheep over a caption that read "for more security."

The message was not from a fringe force in Switzerland's political scene but from its largest party. The nationalist Swiss People's Party is proposing a deportation policy that anti-racism campaigners say evokes Nazi-era practices. Under the plan, entire families would be expelled if their children are convicted of a violent crime, drug offenses or benefits fraud.

The party is trying to collect the 100,000 signatures needed to force a referendum on the issue. If approved in a referendum, the law would be the only one of its kind in Europe.

"We believe that parents are responsible for bringing up their children. If they can't do it properly, they will have to bear the consequences," Ueli Maurer, president of the People's Party, told The Associated Press. Ronnie Bernheim of the Swiss Foundation against Racism and Anti-Semitism said the proposal was similar to the Nazi practice of "Sippenhaft" — or kin liability — whereby relatives of criminals were held responsible for their crimes and punished equally.

## Judge finds Duke lacrosse prosecutor in contempt; hands him day in jail

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — From the day he took over the Duke lacrosse rape case, Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong charged forward with a strident determination that the guilty would end up in jail.

Ultimately, the since-disgraced former prosecutor only succeeded at putting himself behind bars.

Nifong was sentenced Friday to a single day in jail, having been held in criminal contempt of court for lying to a judge during his pursuit of rape charges against the three falsely accused lacrosse players. Superior Court Judge W. Osmond Smith III could have sentenced Nifong, who had already been stripped of his law license and had resigned from office, to as many as 30 days in jail and given him a fine as high as $500. Instead, he opted for a largely symbolic punishment — the public humiliation of sending a prosecutor to jail — that he said would help protect the integrity of the justice system.

"If what I impose with regard to Mr. Nifong would make things better or different for what's already happened, I don't know what it would be or how I could do it," Smith said.

It was the latest in a line of punishments for a broken man who once confidently trumpeted to anyone within earshot that a woman hired to perform as a stripper at a March 2006 lacrosse team party had been raped.

## Search suspended for 6 miners trapped after camera yields no information

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — For nearly four weeks a mining community in central Utah held out hope that six men trapped in a coal mine cave-in would be found alive. That hope is gone now that federal mine officials have suspended the search for the men. "It's just a difficult situation for the families, primarily. It's tough to say to them that we've basically run out of options," said Rich Kulczewski, spokesman for the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.

The search for the six men was suspended Friday evening after a robotic camera failed to provide any useful new information, Kulczewski said. Miners Kerry Allred, Don Erickson, Luis Hernandez, Carlos Payan, Brandon Phillips and Manuel Sanchez have not been heard from since Aug. 6, when a thunderous mountain shudder caused ribs in the Crandall Canyon mine to explode, shooting out pieces of coal like bullets and filling underground tunnels in the mine with rubble.

It isn't known whether they survived. Three rescuers working underground were killed in a second collapse Aug. 16, another disaster that foreclosed a separate way to reach the miners.

## California enters Labor Day weekend with steamy heat wave; lightning

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Utilities urged customers to ease up on electricity use and officials opened cool shelters as California continued to swelter under a heat wave.

Meanwhile on Friday, cloudbursts laced with lightning unleashed downpours in the mountains and deserts, leading to flash flood watches and warnings. Firefighters also watched for lightning-sparked wildfires. The steamy conditions were expected to continue into midweek.

"When I opened the door, the heat almost knocked me down," Joan Porter told KCAL-TV as she sat in an air-conditioned senior citizens' center in Altadena, a foothill community northeast of Los Angeles that topped 100 degrees.

A Los Angeles utility reported power outages to nearly 4,800 customers with high demand. Meanwhile, a regional utility said it supplied a record amount of electricity to some 13 million people in Southern California and attributed the power demand to increased use of air conditioners.

The hot weather began Wednesday and may have played a role in the death of an 81-year-old hiker who became exhausted and ran out of water in inland Riverside County.

## Henriette strengthens off Mexico's Pacific coast; Felix forms in Caribbean

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) — Tropical Storm Henriette dumped heavy rains in this Pacific resort city, flooding streets and prompting officials to close more than 1,000 schools, while Tropical Storm Felix formed Saturday in the Caribbean.

Henriette was expected to become a hurricane by early Sunday, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami. It was not expected to make landfall. The Mexican government issued a hurricane watch Friday from the coastal resort of Manzanillo, in the state of Colima north of Acapulco, to Cabo Corrientes. A tropical storm warning was in effect along Mexico's southern coast from Acapulco to Manzanillo.

At 5 a.m. EDT, the center of the storm was about 130 miles south-southeast of Manzanillo and about 220 miles west of Acapulco, with maximum sustained winds near 50 mph, with higher gusts. The storm was moving west-northwest at about 12 mph, the hurricane center said. About 4 inches of rain fell in Acapulco, ports were closed to small boats. Waves up to 5 feet forced officials to shut down small fishing and ocean sports. The hurricane center said up to 8 inches of rain are expected, with possible isolated maximum amounts of 15 inches.

## 4 Mega Millions tickets, sold in four states, win $330 million grand prize

BALTIMORE (AP) — Four winning tickets were sold — one in each of four states — for a Mega Millions jackpot worth an estimated $330 million, lottery officials said early Saturday.

The winning tickets from Friday night's drawing were sold in Maryland, New Jersey, Texas and Virginia, officials said.

If estimates of the jackpot hold true, it would be the fourth-largest in the lottery's history. It was known as The Big Game when it awarded jackpots of $363 million in 2000 and $331 million in 2002. In addition to the grand prize winners, 36 players matched all five numbers but not the Mega Ball number. They will receive second prizes of $250,000 each.

Another 215 players matched four numbers, plus the Mega Ball number — good for third prizes of $10,000 each.

## Texas town abuzz over reports that mythical 'chupacabras' in their midst

CUERO, Texas (AP) — Phylis Canion lived in Africa for four years. She's been a hunter all her life and has the mounted heads of a zebra and other exotic animals in her house to prove it. But the roadkill she found last month outside her ranch was a new one even for her, worth putting in a freezer hidden from curious onlookers: Canion believes she may have the head of the mythical, bloodsucking chupacabra.

"It is one ugly creature," Canion said, holding the head of the mammal, which has big ears, large fanged teeth and grayish-blue, mostly hairless skin.

Canion and some of her neighbors discovered the 40-pound bodies of three of the animals over four days in July outside her ranch in Cuero, 80 miles southeast of San Antonio.

Canion said she saved the head of the one she found so she can get to the bottom of its ancestry through DNA testing and then mount it for posterity. She suspects, as have many rural denizens over the years, that a chupacabra may have killed as many as 26 of her chickens in the past couple of years.

"I've seen a lot of nasty stuff. I've never seen anything like this," she said.

## POLICE REPORTS

**The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Ukiah Police Department. To anonymously report crime information, call 463-6205.**

**ARREST** -- Andy Yanez, 28, of Fort Bragg, was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence in the 100 block of East Perkins Street at 12:41 a.m. Friday.

**ARREST** -- Jeffrey Kroppman, 46, of Willits, was booked into jail on suspicion of driving under the influence and possession of more than 28.5 grams of marijuana at the intersection of North Highway 101 and East Perkins Street at 1:04 a.m. Friday.

**Those arrested by law enforcement officers are innocent until proven guilty. People reported as having been arrested may contact the Daily Journal once their case has been concluded so the results can be reported. Those who feel the information is in error should contact the appropriate agency. In the case of those arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of an intoxicant: all DUI cases reported by law enforcement agencies are reported by the newspaper. The Daily Journal makes no exceptions.**

## DA REPORTS

**The following were compiled from reports prepared by the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office.**

**SETTLEMENT** -- In a press release issued Friday, Mendocino County District Attorney Meredith Lintott said she would like to clarify that the $51,594 settlement turned over to the county Board of Supervisors Aug. 14 was the result of the settlement reached with the previous owners of the Credit Bureau of Ukiah more than seven years ago.

The Credit Bureau now has new owners who had nothing to do with that case.

## CORRECTIONS

The Ukiah Daily Journal reserves this space to correct errors or make clarifications to news articles. Significant errors in obituary notices or birth announcements will result in reprinting the entire article. Errors may be reported to the editor, 468-3526.

## LOTTERY NUMBERS

**DAILY 3:** night: 8, 8, 1. afternoon: 6, 8, 0.

**FANTASY 5:** 20, 8, 14, 16, 10.

**DAILY DERBY:** 1st Place: 06, Whirl Win.
2nd Place: 08, Gorgeous George.
3rd Place: 01, Gold Rush.
Race time: 1:46.65.

**LOTTO:** 05-14-22-47-39.
Meganumber: 10.
Jackpot: $93 million.

## Sen. Craig resigns in storm over sex sting in airport men's room

**Associated Press**

BOISE, Idaho — In a subdued ending to a week of startling political theater, Sen. Larry Craig announced his resignation Saturday, bowing to pressure from fellow Republicans worried about damage from his arrest and guilty plea in a gay sex sting.

"I apologize for what I have caused," Craig said, his wife Suzanne and two of their three children at his side with a historic Boise train station as backdrop. "I am deeply sorry."

Craig, 62, said he would resign effective Sept. 30, ending a career in Congress spanning a quarter-century.

Making no specific mention of the incident that triggered his disgrace in his remarks, he spoke for under six minutes and took no questions.

Among those attending was Republican Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, who will appoint a successor for the remaining 15 months of Craig's term. It was a relatively quick end to a drama that began Monday with the stunning disclosure that Craig had pleaded guilty to a reduced charge following his arrest June 11 in a Minneapolis airport men's room.

Craig at first tried to hold on to his position, contending in a public appearance on Tuesday that he had done nothing inappropriate and that his only mistake was pleading guilty Aug. 1 to the misdemeanor charge.


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# THIS WAS NEWS



JODY MARTINEZ

## 25 years ago

**Thursday, Sept. 2, 1982**
**Ukiah Daily Journal**

CITY SPRINKLER ORDINANCE MAY WASH OUT BLUE SHIELD DEAL. Sprinkler systems may provide Ukiah with better fire protection without additional manpower costs, but they might cost the city about 100 jobs.

That was the bad news presented to the Ukiah City Council by realtor Jack Cox, who has been working with the San Francisco Bay Area's Blue Shield for about three months on a possible relocation move to the Ukiah area.

The good news at last night's meeting included rollbacks in city electric rates for all Ukiah residents, the settlement of long negotiations over pay for city employees and a council move to save trees.

...Cox avoided going into complete detail on the package he had assembled – which included property he owned or had interest in on Orchard Avenue across the street from AAA – for business reasons. He admitted that others in the community might be able to come up with a better offer.

"But there isn't time," he said, explaining that Blue Shield wanted his offer immediately and a decision would be made within days.

Cox told the council he had already cut his package to the bare bones and was, in fact, unsure whether he would be able to build to Blue Shield specifications for the price, believed to be about 30 cents per square foot.

He told the council that without some help, the city might not be able to successfully compete with other communities for Blue Shield's business.

He asked the council to consider dropping its requirements for sprinklers, estimated to add about $25,000 to construction costs. He pointed out that the sprinkler requirement was a city ordinance, not state law.

...Though councilmembers all favored the move and the jobs it would bring to the area, they found they could not consider waiving the sprinkler requirement, established in 1976 as a means of keeping fire manpower costs lower.

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UKIAHANS ATTEND GIANTS-CUBS GAME. Approximately 50 Ukiah Valley youngsters attended Wednesday's San Francisco Giants-Chicago Cubs game at Candlestick Park, thanks to the Ukiah Parks and Recreation Department, Mendocino County Youth Project, Mendocino County Indian Center, and the Giants.

The Giants provided the tickets, and the other groups provided bus transportation for a small $2 fee. It was truly a fun afternoon at the "old ballgame," even though the Giants went down to a 7-6 defeat.

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APARTMENTS UNFURNISHED. 2 bdrm 1 1/2 bath Townhouse. Modern, Firepl, children ok. $325, $175 dep.

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## 50 years ago

**Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1957**
**Ukiah Daily Journal**

SUNDAY BLAZE HITS FRUIT SHED, LOSS SET AT $35,000. More than $35,000 damage was caused Sunday night by a fire which broke out at the A. F. Moulton fruit packing sheds at Hopland.

The blaze, which was discovered at 8:15 p.m., already had a good start before firemen were summoned.

Assisted by dry weather and a slight breeze the spectacular blaze spread quickly and leveled the rear of one loading platform before it was brought under control two hours later by the combined efforts of the Hopland Fire Department, five rigs from the forestry service, and a pumper sent down from Ukiah.

The packing shed was used as a receiving depot for Hunt Brothers Foods and Van Camps, but has not seen service for fruit packing for some time. It was built in 1928 by Sanel Valley fruit growers and was operated by them until the company was disbanded in 1937.

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A-BLAST TESTS NERVE SURVIVAL OF PARATROOPERS. ATOMIC TEST SITE, Nev. (UP) – Scientists today studied results of an atomic blast which knocked the helmets off unsheltered paratroopers stationed 2 3/4 miles from ground zero at the Nevada Proving Grounds.

More than 100 soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. Monday lay face down as the blast, called Galileo, was fired from a 500-foot tower. The human "nerve survival" experiment marked the first time that American soldiers were placed so close to ground zero without the protection of trenches or concrete shelters.

The shot, equal to the power of 10,000 tons of TNT, was the 16th in the current series. The Atomic Energy Commission slated the next test for Friday.

The AEC said the troops weathered the blast like "old veterans of nuclear warfare." Following the detonation, the troops leaped into action and ran through a short obstacle course carrying full-combat gear.

Scientists said that the shock wave "blew" the helmets off some of the troops. However, they said no casualties were reported.

The troops were commanded by Capt. William Stovall, of Lexington, Ky. He said, "It was a nasty shock at that distance."

The blast kicked up a gigantic dust storm that covered the troops and newsmen viewing the shot from News Nob, eight miles from the tower. The kick from the blast was about half the size of the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

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# 75 YEARS AGO

*... Redwood Auto Supply Co. opened its doors in Ukiah; local business plans celebration this coming Saturday*




Photo courtesy of the Robert J. Lee Collection (from the Ward family)

CIRCA 1932

**Redwood Auto Supply Co., which this month is celebrating 75 years in business, can be seen as it looked shortly after opening its doors at its original location at 415 N. State St. This photo is thought to be from about 1932, and Redwood Auto is in about the middle of the photo, between Pioneer Oil & Burner Co. and Ukiah Paint Store. Redwood Auto was owned by Dick Mazzoni for its first 37 years, until 1969, when he sold the business to Roy Hoskins Sr. It has been in the Hoskins family ever since. For more on this family-owned Ukiah business, and the upcoming community celebration, don't miss Wednesday's edition, which will include an indepth feature on Redwood Auto Supply (now doing business as NAPA Auto Parts).**

# School days, good old Golden Rule days



## Grace Notes

**By Sherrie Smith-Ferri**
**Grace Hudson Museum director**

As you are reading these words, children in Mendocino County are once more back in school, studying their lessons and finishing homework assignments, summer vacation merely a rapidly fading memory.

Here at the Grace Hudson Museum, we are also gearing up for the arrival of students. Over the course of the 2006-2007 school year almost 2,000 students (ranging in age from first-graders to college level) visited the museum, touring our changing exhibits on art, history and anthropology and our permanent displays on Grace Hudson's art, Pomo Indian culture and basketry, and the history of the Carpenter-Hudson family. We hope to increase that number in the upcoming 2007-2008 school year.

The Grace Hudson Museum exists, in large part, to provide an enjoyable and educational experience for visitors. A trip to the museum provides opportunities for art appreciation, historical reflection and cultural enrichment.

If you would be interested in having a class come to the museum for a free field trip, please call museum staff (467-2836) to schedule a visit. Plan to have approximately one responsible adult for every eight elementary age children. Schedule the length of your visit based upon your students' age and attention span. Younger children usually do better with a shorter visit (30 to 45 minutes) while older students can enjoy a longer visit (1 hour to 1 1/2 hours).

Planning an activity during your museum visit will help students to focus their attention and energy. Often, the museum will have a free "Teachers' Packet" available for teachers' use, which we will be happy to send to those individuals who request one. These packets contain information about the exhibits on view, pre-Museum visit activities for your class, activities for your class to engage in during your museum trip, and post-Museum follow-up activities to do later when you return to your classroom. If you do plan to engage in an activity when you visit the museum, be sure to bring the necessary supplies for that activity – paper, pencils, photocopied forms, clip boards, etc. During your scheduled visit, museum staff will lead your class on a guided tour of the areas of interest indicated by the teacher.

Our education program carries on the legacy of Grace Hudson's mother, Helen McCowen Carpenter. Unusually well educated for a woman of her time, Helen graduated from the Bloomingdale Quaker Academy with a teaching credential. In 1855, as a young woman, she moved with her family to Kansas Territory, where she taught school and met her future husband, Aurelius Ormando Carpenter. After the newly married couple moved west to Potter Valley, Helen became the first teacher certified by the new County Board of Education, working as such for nearly a decade.

In her memoirs, though, Helen noted that getting certified by the new board was not much of an accomplishment. "Teachers were scarce," she wrote, and "it was argued that 'A poor teacher was better than none,' and that 'Any of the applicants could teach the children something,' [so, teaching] certificates were given to all the applicants – there were no failures. […] The well known jovial wit, Mr. Jerry Donohue, enjoyed telling of a school he taught in Anderson Valley, when a young man. The trustees as a final question asked, 'How do you teach geography, Mr. Donohue, that the world is round or flat?' Without a moment's hesitation, he answered, 'I can teach it either way, I have no prejudices.' 'Well, then, teach it flat.' 'Flat, she goes,' was his response, and the school was his.

Helen recalled that during her days as a teacher in the new pioneer settlement in Potter Valley, "there was no school house, Mr. Henry Randlett and his most estimable wife moved their beds to the garret, and gave one half of the ground floor of their dwelling [over to be] a school room. So far as the teacher and children were concerned, the arrangement was most satisfactory and the associations are fondly remembered […] The teaching was mostly oral, and the little minds were found very receptive, mastering the multiplication table, the tables for weights and measures, with geography, mental arithmetic, familiar science, etc, thrown in. Along the stream [that flowed] near the [front] door, they fashioned all manner of land and water possibilities, constructed boats that were labeled with exports and imports from the foreign countries etc. All together, so much sport was had that it was not until years later that they realized how much they were learning at the time." I hope today's students can say the same thing in later years.



**Helen McCowen Carpenter, circa 1860, around the time of her arrival in Potter Valley, unknown photographer, from the collections of the Grace Hudson Museum.**

# Bush unveils modest mortgage proposals to avert defaults

## Democrats say they don't go far enough

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Friday announced a set of modest proposals to deal with an alarming rise in mortgage defaults.

"It's not the government's job to bail out speculators or those who made the decision to buy a home they knew they could never afford," Bush said in the Rose Garden. "Yet there are many American homeowners who could get through this difficult time with a little flexibility from their lenders or a little help from their government."

With Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson at his side, Bush insisted the economy was strong and could weather market turbulence. But he did not repeat his forecast of Aug. 8, that the economy was headed for a "soft landing." The next day, financial markets went into a significant swoon, sparked by the announcement by France's largest bank that it was halting redemptions in three large investment funds.

That disclosure sent shock waves through the global financial system because it indicated problems from rising defaults on subprime mortgages in the United States — mortgages packaged and sold to investors worldwide — were more far-reaching than realized.

Bush's proposals unveiled Friday are designed to help combat those defaults. They would make it easier for borrowers now holding adjustable rate mortgages that are resetting to higher monthly payments to refinance those loans using the resources of the Federal Housing Administration. The FHA is a Depression-era agency created to help low and moderate-income Americans afford homes.

Under the Bush proposal, which FHA officials said would take effect immediately, an estimated 60,000 homeowners who have fallen behind on payments because their mortgages have reset would be able to refinance with FHA-insured loans. That marks a significant change because FHA does not now insure refinanced loans from borrowers who are currently delinquent.

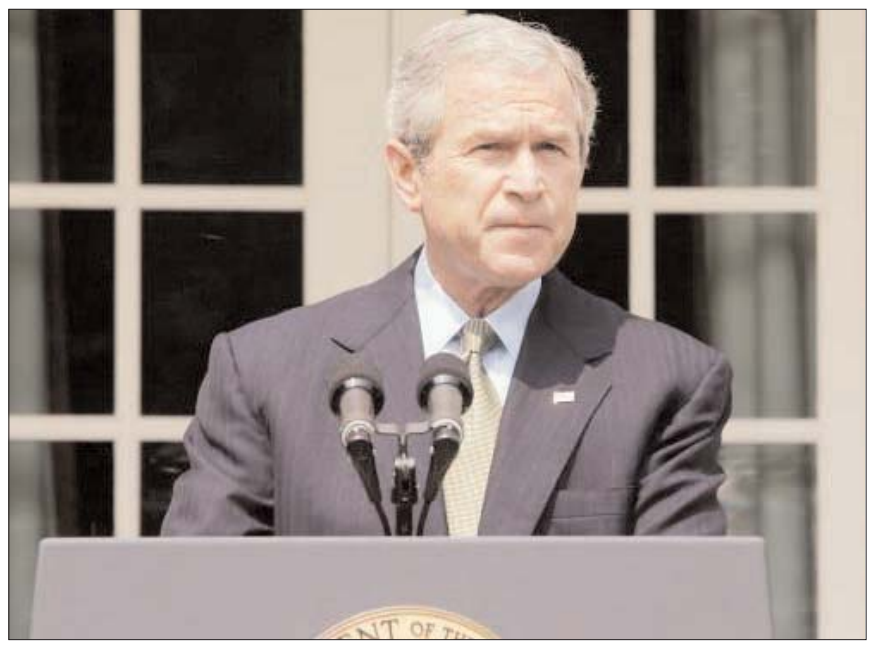
"This means that many families who are struggling now will be able to refinance their loans, meet their monthly payments and keep their homes," Bush said.

To qualify for the new program, being called FHA Secure, a borrower will have to prove the original loan was being repaid until it reset to a higher rate and they must have 3 percent equity in the home. The FHA does not supply the mortgage loan but it guarantees loans extended by banks and other lenders.

Currently, the maximum loan the FHA can guarantee in most states is $202,000 although that can rise to $362,000 in high-cost states such as California and New York. The administration is supporting FHA overhaul legislation to lift those limits.

FHA officials said another 20,000 people would be helped by a new type of risk-based pricing for its loan guarantees that will let lower income mortgage holders qualify by paying slightly higher premiums. This change, which will require the FHA to change its rules, is expected to take effect early next year after a public comment period.

The 80,000 additional people who would qualify for FHA loan guarantees under the proposed changes Bush announced would still be a tiny portion of an estimated 2 million homeowners whose adjustable rate mortgages are scheduled to reset at higher rates by the end of 2008. Of those 2 million loans that will reset, FHA estimates that 500,000 could go into foreclosure. The new programs plus current FHA programs could help about half of those 500,000 loans be refinanced, officials said.



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**PRESIDENT BUSH**

As another part of his mortgage package, Bush said he would support legislation pending in Congress that would temporarily change tax law to let homeowners avoid paying taxes on forgiven debt in loans being restructured by financial institutions.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow, a Democrat from Michigan, a state particularly hardhit by foreclosures because of auto industry layoffs, is sponsoring that legislation.

Bush's proposals follow a number of measures already introduced in Congress to deal with the mortgage lending crisis. Many Democrats said while they welcomed Bush's ideas, they felt they did not go far enough and should be modified to help more people.

"These are welcome steps, but the president's proposal does not go far enough," said Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois and a Democratic presidential candidate. "I have called for a plan that will help far more struggling borrowers avoid foreclosure."

Sen. Christopher Dodd, another Democratic presidential candidate and chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, said, "For too long this president has sat on his hands as families were losing their homes."

Many Democrats said the administration must go further by supporting their proposals to lift the current cap on how many home loans mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac can hold in their portfolios and by lifting the current cap on so-called jumbo loans that Fannie and Freddie would be able to purchase.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said he believed Bush's announcement Friday represented a major ideological shift for the administration, which has generally favored free-market solutions to problems rather than increased government involvement.

"The president has gotten out of his ideological straitjacket and seen that in times of crisis, one of the jobs of government is to help," Schumer told reporters at a Capitol Hill news conference.

Bush also urged Congress to modernize and improve the FHA so more homeowners could qualify for the mortgage insurance the agency provides, saying, "I look forward to signing a bill as quickly as possible." Last year the House passed legislation to modernize FHA, but Congress has not yet sent a bill to the White House.

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*On the Net:*

*Federal Housing Administration: http://www.fha.gov*

*AP reporters Deb Riechmann and Jim Abrams contributed to this report.*

# Judge: Government's illegal immigrant notices can't go out yet

**Associated Press**

SAN FRANCISCO — The Social Security Administration cannot start sending out letters to employers next week containing notification of more serious penalties for knowingly hiring illegal immigrants, a federal judge ruled Friday.

Ruling on a lawsuit by the nation's largest federation of labor unions against the U.S. government, U.S. District Judge Maxine Chesney granted a temporary restraining order prohibiting the so-called "no-match" letters from going out as planned starting Tuesday.

The AFL-CIO lawsuit, filed this week, claims that new Department of Homeland Security rules outlined in accompanying letters threaten to violate workers' rights and unfairly burden employers. Chesney said the court needs "breathing room" before making any decision on the legality of new penalties aimed at cracking down on the hiring of illegal immigrants.

She set the next hearing on the matter for Oct. 1.

The Social Security Administration has sent out "no-match" letters for more than two decades warning employers of discrepancies in the information the government has on their workers. Employers often brushed aside the letters, and the small fines that sometimes were incurred, as a cost of doing business.

But this year, those letters will be accompanied by notices from the Department of Homeland Security outlining strict new requirements for employers to resolve those discrepancies within 90 days or face fines or criminal prosecution, if they're deemed to have knowingly hired illegal immigrants.

The judge's ruling Friday temporarily prohibits the government from enforcing the new rules, which were scheduled to take effect Sept. 14.

Laura Keehner, a Department of Homeland Security spokeswoman, said the agency was disappointed by the decision but expects to prevail once the court hears its full arguments.

"We'll continue to uphold the law," Keehner said late Friday. "We'll continue our enforcement efforts, and we'll continue to discourage employers who flagrantly disregard immigration laws. There are consequences for those actions."

U.S. government lawyers argued that the Social Security Administration needed to start sending the letters next week because postponing the staggered mailings would overwhelm staffers with a flood of responses if they finally do go out all at once.

Chesney did not rule on the merits of the case Friday but said the plaintiffs raised "serious questions" that need to be further examined by the court about whether the new rules run afoul of the law.

"It's a critical and very significant first step in the first legal challenge of this rule," said Lucas Guttentag, national director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Immigrants' Rights Project and one of the plaintiffs' lawyers.


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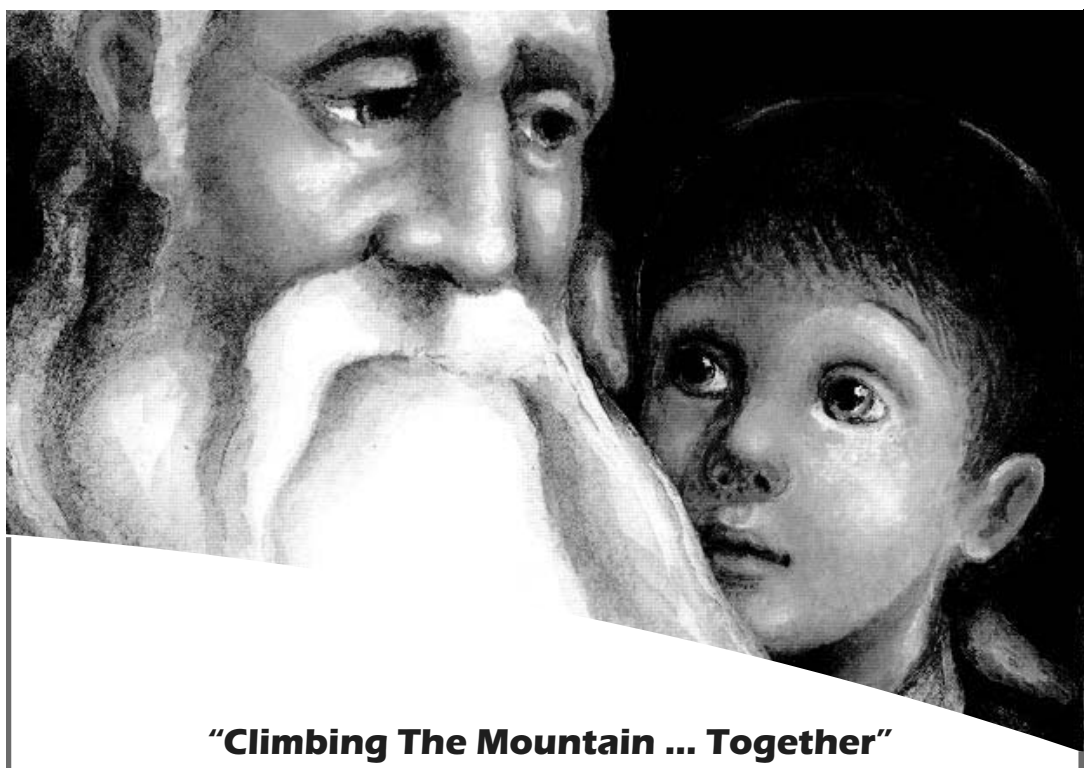
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## 100 years ago

**Friday, Aug. 30, 1907**
**Dispatch-Democrat**

RUSSIAN RIVER TO BE LARGER. Col LaMotte and the engineers of the Snow Mountain Company claim that next year Russian river will be an entirely different stream in the summer time when the water from the Snow Mountain tunnel is dumped into it at Potter below the power house.

The stream will be a six foot one and will produce a current all the way down the river, making the river twice as large in summertime. Col. LaMotte thinks he will make an excellent fishing stream out of the river by planting trout therein next spring. In winter time, of course the water from the plant will not be appreciable.

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HOP PICKING IN FULL BLAST. There was quite an exodus to the hop fields last week and those left in town are having a lonesome time of it. All the growers are picking now and it will be several weeks before the harvest is over. About six hundred pickers were brought in from below so there are plenty of hands to gather the crop. The quality of the hops is good and the growers are making an effort to have them picked clean. Hops are likely to be a low price this year and in order to insure a price that will pay for the picking the hops will have to be pretty clean.

The output will be less than last year but the quality is thought to be far superior. About 2500 pickers are engaged in all. The amount estimated necessary for picking the crop is placed at from $50,000 to $60,000. The hop pickers are guaranteed good times if the growers are not.

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VALUABLE BAGGAGE LOST IN SHIPPING. W. G. Jones and wife returned from a pleasant visit last week to friends around the bay. They checked two trunks and a suit case through to Sherwood and intended putting them on the stage there and going on to Fort Bragg. The baggage did not show up however so Mr. Jones came over and began an investigation. By mistake the baggage had been put on a special train for hop pickers and was taken to Horst Brothers yard and dumped off and then hauled to the field south of town.

The suit case was recovered however, but the trunks could not be located. The contents of the trunks were distributed among several pickers by some one. Policeman Miller happened to be working in the field and captured a fellow by the name of Hymens who claimed to know who got the contents of the trunks. The young fellow kept mum although he was put through quite an ordeal in the local bastile. He is serving a sentence of fifteen days for drunkenness but has not "peached" yet. The value of the baggage is estimated at about $800 by Mr. Jones and it is said that the railroad company has agreed to pay them for the loss.

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AUTOISTS SLEEP ON MOUNTAIN. MACHINE RUNS OUT OF GASOLINE ON MOUNTAIN GRADE. An auto party consisting of three gentlemen, two ladies and three children were trying to make their way from Boonville to this city Tuesday afternoon, and when just nearing the top of the grade on the other side of the hill the gasoline gave out and the car stopped, of course. One of the men proceeded on foot to town, a distance of ten miles or more to get some gasoline. He did not get back till darkness came on and the party were afraid to try the road in the dark, and had to stay over night on the hill. They used the robes for blankets and wrapped the children up comfortably, and tried to sleep.

The ladies slept on the soft side of a rail while the men used a rock for a pillow. They were badly frightened two or three times by shrieking woolly aphises and other big game. They were glad – and hungry – next morning when the sun arose and it became light enough to wander into town. They will take enough "ammunition" with them next time. The leader of the party was a Mr. Phelps, the manager of a large department store in Oakland.

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A GAS PLANT FOR UKIAH. ORGANIZATION OF THE COMPANY IS NOW AN ASSURED FACT. Ukiah is to have a gas plant in the near future. Senator Caldwell was here this week from Los Angeles looking into the matter and he thinks a company will soon be organized in this city. He says that every town in the country nearly the size of Ukiah has a gas plant. Ukiah certainly needs a gas plant. The wood question is now getting to be quite a problem as it costs six dollars a cord. It costs quite a good deal for fuel and in the summer time it is very warm when cooking on a wood stove.

If a gas plant were put in here fuel could be secured for about $1.50 a thousand cubic feet, reducing the cost of fuel to $3 per month instead of six dollars which it now costs at the present price of wood. Gas is cleaner, more convenient and cheaper. In summer time it would be a great boon to house wives. In climates much colder than this gas is used for heating purposes in winter, gas stoves being provided for the purpose which heat up the rooms quicker, and at less expense than wood.

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TEAMSTER KILLED IN RUNAWAY. John Christie, a Lake county teamster, was killed at Hopland last Saturday in a run away accident. Christie was driving up to a pile of baled hay, when a bale rolled off scaring the horses.

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LAYTONVILLE BOOMING. Laytonville is reported to be enjoying a quiet little boom. Mrs. Helm is erecting a fine thirty-two room hotel and William Davidson has erected a store building north of the Commercial hotel which will be used as a general merchandise store. The upper part will be used for a public hall and lodge purposes.

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JOHN TAYLOR HEARTY. Uncle John Taylor has greatly improved in health the past month. Mr. Taylor attributes it all to the wonderful climate of Ukiah which he preferred to a vacation elsewhere. He has gained eight pounds in weight, and says that two or three big watermelons, a dozen ears of corn and a gallon of milk a day did the work. He does not charge anything for the recipe.

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# Housing slump hurting California's workers, threatens economic recovery

**By JULIET WILLIAMS**
**Associated Press Writer**

SACRAMENTO — The deepening housing slump is hurting California's job market and threatens to jeopardize the economic progress workers have seen over the last few years, according to a new report released today.

The fallout from the mortgage crisis comes on the heels of Census Bureau data that showed California's median income rose to $55,318 in 2006, up $1,866 from the previous year and about 2.8 percent from 2001 when adjusted for inflation, the California Budget Project reported in a survey timed to coincide with the Labor Day holiday.

The report — "Labor Day 2007: California's Workers Face a Mix of Promising and Troubling Trends" — also found fewer Californians living below the federal poverty line: 12.2 percent in 2006, compared with 13.2 percent the previous year.

But industries tied to the housing market — a major driver of California's job growth over the last few years — "have lost jobs during the past year and recent developments suggest that the decline has yet to bottom out," the study found.

The nonpartisan group also noted that highly paid workers have benefited most from the economic recovery. Thanks to a robust stock market, high-end workers supplemented their wages with strong investment income. Low-end wage earners, however, have seen their buying power decline.

"I'd say maybe a third of the increase we saw in median household income comes from interest in dividend payments," said Jean Ross, executive director of the California Budget Project.

California already lost 17,000 housing-related jobs between July 2006 and 2007 — even before the most dramatic effects of the home-lending crisis hit the market.

"Lenders have imposed stricter standards on home buyers in response to a sharp rise in the number of homeowners defaulting on their mortgages. This will make it harder for potential homebuyers to purchase homes and could cause demand for housing to wane further," the report noted.

Recent trends threaten to curtail progress even further. The state's unemployment rate has increased dramatically, rising to 5.3 percent in July. The U.S. unemployment rate has also risen, but it climbed to just 4.6 percent in July, up from 4.4 percent in March.

Still, Ross noted that California has seen stronger gains in poverty reduction over the last five years than the rest of the nation — a trend she hopes continues.

"I think it does speak to the fact that California, while we saw some considerable challenges, still is a great place to live and a great place to be," she said.

*On the Net:*
*California Budget Project: www.cbp.org*

# Critical

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25 people.

"It was so dynamic; it was great energy," she said.

The long-range plan is for the ride to be more than a demonstration of alternative transportation, environmentally friendly travel and cyclists rights, Clark said. She hopes it will spawn a whole new community in Ukiah.

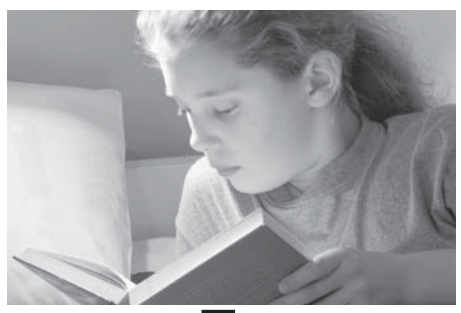
"It's about those relationships," she said.

The next ride is scheduled for Sept. 28 at 5:30 p.m.

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Facilitating Committee for the Section 7 Biological Assessment of the Russian River, the Potter Valley Grange, the Mendocino County Animal Control Hearing Board, the Redwood Empire Fair Board and also serves as director of the California Land Stewardship Council, a nonprofit organization overseeing the Fish Friendly Farming Environmental Certification Program for farmers in Mendocino, Sonoma, Napa and Solano counties.

Brown is a former member of the California Watershed Round Table, the Russian River Watershed Council, and Women in Timber. She also served on the Potter Valley Community Unified School District board for six years

Brown, who grew up in Ukiah, lives in Potter Valley. She is married to Lewis Brown, a rancher of beef cattle and grass hay. The couple has four grown children.

"I'm a lifelong resident," she said. "This is my county and I love it and I care about its future. I'm interested in making a better future for my four kids and two grandkids."

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# Letters from our readers

## Bring a university to Mendocino County

**To the Editor:**

Board of Supervisors, citizens of Mendocino County, parents, everyone... Listen up. I have an idea. A dream for our county. A dream that presents opportunity for smart growth, futures for our children and an overall benefit for this community. Whether it be at the Masonite site location or another available area for development, we should bring a university to this county.

Think of it for a minute. Really think about it. How many of our children have to go somewhere else to attend a good university? Sonoma State, UC Davis, Long Beach? These are all areas that have developed and added tremendous potential by having higher education in their areas. Look at the town of Davis. No skyscrapers, clean air and beautiful Victorian and smart growth areas. No big box necessary. The campus and the way it draws people to the area is like a magnet. Mom and pop stores and restaurants thrive there. UC Mendocino or Mendocino State University would put this place on the map, bring federal dollars, state dollars and good people to this community. Families seeking to relocate and students coming to get their degrees would dump millions of dollars into our community and our little downtown would thrive without concerns of shops shutting down as fast as they open because there is just nothing here.

I'd like to see a Board of Supervisors candidate use this as a platform during election next year. I would like this letter to be read by at least one of our current board and have them make this idea their own. This area needs to grow but not at the cost of our community, to it's benefit. I'd like to see every restaurant in town packed every night. I'd like to see a safer, cleaner and healthier frame of thought when it comes to the growth of this area. A mall would fill with shops that will make no money and close down because there is no money coming into this area.

A university on the other hand will bring people with money to dump into our community, create revenue never before seen in this county and give the area a sense of purpose. Malls do not create money for anyone other than the developers. Don't get me wrong, I am not against a mall here. Let's just give this area a reason to need one before we build it. What kind of shopping would 30,000 to 60,000 students need to do and how much revenue would that bring the community? Quite a bit and it would not do anything other than make our county a better, safer and more educated place to live. Bring a university to Mendocino County.

**Jacob Bernie**
**Ukiah**

## Likes TWK

**To the Editor:**

I just wanted to say kudos for having Tommy Wayne Kramer writing for you. I can't stop laughing every time I read his stories! Thanks!

**Bobbie Roden**
**Ukiah**

## Who was that guy?

**To the Editor:**

Who was that crazy guy and why is he writing from Palm Springs? His rambling essay shows how disconnected he is to the issues of that we have here in Ukiah. It was amazing how he could tie all the world's problems together and claim they are caused by those who would restrict his freedom to grow an unlimited amount of pot plants. (I'm still trying to figure out how a court case in 1735, which is before the Constitution was even written is connected with Freedom of Speech.) I was so entertained, it was almost a disappointment when he pulled out the old reliable Medical card. But when he got started in on his compassion for the dying, I'm thinking "who does he think he's fooling?"

It has become abundantly clear that those who re growing are also selling. That's why they don't want a limit on plants. They are not terminally ill, they're not even interested in those who are, unless they are willing to buy their weed. His repeated statement that legalization of marijuana has overwhelming approval across the board is a lie. Prop. 215 did not win by an overwhelming majority, the majority that gave it a narrow margin came primarily from the coast. And the subsequent abuse by growers, many of whom are criminals drawn into our county with the lure of an easy profit, has caused many citizens to regret Prop. 215 ever passed. It goes way beyond my imagination to think of the typical seniors suffering from ill health, suddenly taking up smoking a weed. Could it be possible that Mr. Cowan and others who are vehemently opposed to setting limits on the amount of plants are less interested in any "freedoms" and more afraid of loosing their profit?

As a final note, I appreciate the editor's thoughtful response. It was reasonable, accurate and even considerate after she had just been accused of being the grand conspirator. It seems apparent to me that Mr. Cowan is one of those who feel that anyone who is not agreeing with him must be conspiring against him. That, I believe, is one of the first signs of schizophrenia.

**Ken Marshall**
**Ukiah**

## Another theory

**To the Editor:**

Jan Cole Wilson, attorney for Richard Peacock, convicted of attempted murder of Alan Simon and now serving a 71-year prison sentence, is appalled that the District Attorney has dropped all charges against Kenneth Rogers in return for a plea to being an "accessory after the fact." Mr. Rogers has been facing multiple felony charges including conspiracy to commit murder, attempted murder, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, and illegal firearms possession. The only evidence District Attorneys Vroman and Lintott could produce linking Rogers to Peacock's shooting of a 22 caliber pistol at Simon was an allegation that the gun was stolen some 20 years ago by Mr. Rogers and then provided for the "hit"; the DA has no witnesses or strong circumstantial evidence to substantiate these charges. Your client Peacock's denial (and basis of pending appeal) that he fired the pistol goes against the DA's contention that Rogers supplied the gun to Peacock in the first place.

If Peacock did not shoot at Simon, who did? Mr. Simon fled the county immediately after Peacock was arrested and the DA has been unable to locate him as a witness. Mr. Rogers has been under criminal indictment for over two years and all efforts to move forward with a "speedy trial" have faced several postponements as assigned DAs and judges have rotated on a number of occasions. Defense attorney Wilson cites the DAs "proof problems" in the dismissal of all major felony charges. Maybe that is due to the fact that the DA(s) have had no case against Rogers and have been reluctant to admit their overreaching prosecutorial misconduct.

I would like to suggest another explanation of what may have transpired. Rogers and Simon were bitter enemies involving Westport Water District matters. Simon lead a successful effort to replace Rogers as Board chair. What is not well reported is that Rogers successfully sued Simon in civil court over illegal Board actions under Simon's control but has been unable to collect damages because Simon fled town without a forwarding address after the court ruling. Simon and/or his friends could have staged the shooting, through a closed door with no hits, to get back at Rogers. That's more of a credible motive than what the DA has charged against Rogers. And

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# In our opinion

## Code officers really needed

Anyone who lives next door to someone who calls himself a pack rat but who you call a dump owner will appreciate the need for someone called a compliance officer. The City of Ukiah has one who we featured in our pages last week. Finally, someone you can call when the old refrigerators, cars, batteries, shopping carts, sofas and other assorted junk starts to pile up in empty lots and back yards.

This week the county Board of Supervisors was asked to approve funding in the budget for two code enforcement officers for the county for largely the same purpose.

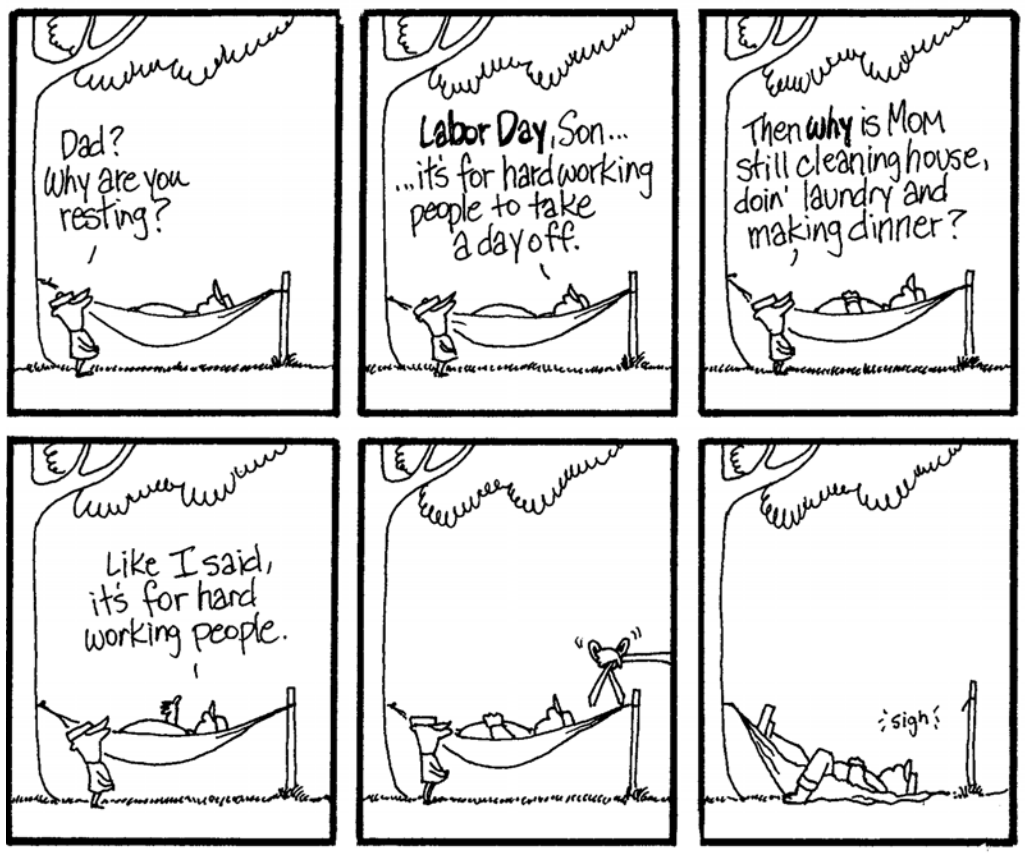
The county this year passed a new ordinance giving itself the power to order property owners to clean up unsightly dumping and storage and the only way to make that work is to have people who can respond to complaints.

Pretty much everyone has a spot they see every day that they wish would be cleaned up. And if it's next door, you really want action.

Letting property owners simply collect junk and let it rust out, leak hazardous materials and make the public cringe is not acceptable. Passing an ordinance to stop it and then not enforcing it, is almost as bad. Plus, code enforcement officers also enforce other ordinances from sign maintenance to marijuana growing.

We think the supervisors ought to approve new code enforcement officers in this year's budget.

As for Mr. Pinches - who says he doesn't know where the money will comes from - we know where there's $100,000 (can you spell R-A-I-S-E) available that can pay for them.






# Assignment:Ukiah

**By Tommy Wayne Kramer**

## Driving me crazy

*Editor's note: Now that Mr. Kramer has established himself as one of the most loved and hated columnists at the Daily Journal, we are giving over this spot on the Sunday Forum page to him from now on.*

Your neighbor's out of town but his wife isn't, so the two of you hop in the car and head to the coast for a scandalous weekend. Up you go to Willits, head out Highway 20, and here's my question:

What is the absolute worst vehicle you could be stuck behind on the 33-mile journey from Willits to Fort Bragg?

A) Logging truck
B) Greyhound bus
C) Great big RV full of vacationers from Cleveland gawking at redwood trees and spotted owls
D) Toyota Prius with a bumper sticker reading "Question Authority"

No veteran Ukiahan has to think very long in order to come up with the right answer. Nothing goes slower than a Prius in single lane traffic, especially if the driver knows there are dozens of impatient travelers stacking up behind.Why? Simple. People who drive a Prius (and they're the same people who drove a Volvo 20 years ago, and a Subaru Outback in the '90s) know how other people should live their lives. Prius drivers know what you should eat, how much yoga you should do, whom you should vote for, and which therapist might be a good fit for you. People with this much wisdom have no problem telling you how fast to drive. Prius owners think they are the smartest, most conscientious and virtuous people on Earth. They are saving the planet, for Goddess' sake, and if they're smart enough to protect us all from global warming they're certainly smart enough to know how other people should approach driving to the coast.

A Prius owner (or is he a Prius guardian?) knows that a journey through the magical redwood forests to the healing powers of the Mendocino Coast is not something to hurry through. It's to be savored in a serene and tranquil way; you are to live each moment as it unfolds and touches your loving heart. You are to go placidly amid the haste. You are to ignore the ambulance sirens and bakery trucks honking their horns. Prius drivers have nothing but disdain for the grubby world of truckers and deliverymen, and feel no reason to be put upon by them as they rush and jostle and try to pass by. How dare they threaten the calm, glowing inner peace the Prius Man has achieved. "Turnout? What turnout?" says Prius Man, eyes half-closed, listening reverently to Spencer Brewer on KZYX as the miles slowly unspool 'neath his teeny tiny carbon footprint. Why are Prius owners so smug and pleased with themselves? Because to drive a Prius is a wondrous thing, an act so filled with generosity and with such a fervent commitment to the future that common folks should acknowledge the moral superiority of the sainted eco-warrior at the wheel of the Prius. They care. They are making a statement. They are making a difference. They are making me laugh. As for that trip to the coast, we're not even to Irmulco and already Misty and I have gone through the 12-pack that was supposed to last until we got to the motel. If we don't turn back now we'll die of parched throats by the time that Prius up ahead gets to Chamberlain Creek. Plus, if we get stuck behind another Prius on the way home her husband will be in Ukiah before we are.

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And hey, about that stupid "Question Authority" bumpersticker: Who in the heck are you to be setting yourself up as an authority, telling me what I should question? You on some kind of power trip, man?

*Tommy Wayne Kramer is a longtime Ukiah resident. He thanks William Kidd of Fort Bragg for his kind assistance with this column.*

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# SUNDAY VOICES

## Revolving CEOs

### Sunday view
BY MARK SCARAMELLA

Let's take a stroll down Former Mendo CEO Lane, shall we? All the way back to the late '60s when my Uncle Joe Scaramella was still Fifth District Supervisor and Al Beltrami was hired as Mendocino Chief Administrative Officer.

Beltrami lasted quite a few years, all the way up to the early 1990s when he sort of prematurely retired, but didn't really retire because he took tax-paid jobs for the state and for other counties before landing back in Mendocino County where he double- and then triple-dipped as head of the Mendocino County Employers Council, a right-wing group whose sole public function was to show up at the Supervisors Chambers and hoot and take potshots at anything that remotely smacked of liberality (or is it liberalness?). (Never mind that Mendo has never done anything remotely liberal, in the classic sense of the word.)

In fact, Mr. Beltrami was MCEC President in back in 2000 when the then-Supervisors gave themselves their last big pay raise, from about $34k/year to $48k/year (over four years). At that time not so long ago Mr. Beltrami argued against the idea the Supervisors trotted out -- that the big pay raises are necessary to attract "excellent" candidates. Beltrami said (then), "Certainly today we've seen no dearth of candidates for those elected offices." Beltrami also said that, "at the very least," there should be a public process by which elected officials are given raises.

After Beltrami's long tenure we had the short-lived tenure of John Freedman, a well-intentioned and reasonably intelligent guy who, in trying to do a few things properly, got on the wrong side of three Supervisors and found himself "resigning."

Next up was probably the most competent Chief Administrative Officer the County has had in living memory, Mike Scannell. A former mortician with a master's degree in public administration, Scannell had the slick personal and managerial skills to navigate Mendo's shark-infested bureaucratic waters and kept the County afloat during the big deficit years of the early '90s. At one point the tough-minded Scannell even told Sheriff Jim Tuso that Tuso couldn't hire any more deputies without the express personal approval of Scannell. Scannell also won a high profile bureaucratic battle with the Superior Court Judges when he forced the judges to include the court staff in the controversial across-the-board employee furlough. I'll also never forget the time early in Supervisor Delbar's tenure that Scannell smoothly explained to Supervisor Delbar that if Deerwood wanted a second access road they'd simply have to go over the impossibly high procedural hurdles of Proposition 218. Delbar didn't bring it up again.

After Scannell left for Colorado (without public explanation) the Supes picked Assistant CAO Jim Andersen over Willits City Manager Gordon Logan. Logan would have been a much better choice, but Logan unfortunately died soon after Andersen was hired.

Andersen was another undistinguished administrator who was unable to herd the Supervisors in any worthwhile direction and after a few of years of going through the motions quit to take a higher paying job in Sonoma County. In 2002 Anderson even blamed the county's financial problems on 9/11!

Then we had interim CAO Alison Glassey, former Head of Social Services. Ms. Glassey is certainly not stupid, and she's pretty good with numbers. But she's a pure Mendo insider/bureaucrat who, as a former department head, is quite skilled in the ways of hiding money in the budget and preparing final budgets for the Supervisors (and the public) that are impossible for anyone else to understand.

Next up was Jay Hull, a former Napa County Chief Executive Officer whose tenure was nothing more than a high-paid caretaker with the necessary title and experience to sign off on routine business that the County ran across. Upon his departure, Hull colorfully described the County's management team as "dysfunctional," but refused to elaborate.

Then we got the now famous John Ball, former Chief Executive of Multnomah County in Portland, a much bigger organization than Mendo's. At first, the Supervisors raved about Mr. Ball and his enthusiasm and experience in Portland (where he controversially, and very publicly consolidated several big departments in ways which the Supervisors hoped he could bring to Mendocino County.) But the Supervisors dropped the Ball when (as has been described in excruciating detail by the Grand Jury) Ball refused to sneak a big increase into the Supervisors own budget via the back door. When Ball insisted that the Supes would have to put it on the agenda and vote on it, Ball was bounced on the spot, just a short time after his contract renewed, costing the County about $170K in contract buyout costs and health insurance coverage.

Following the bouncing Ball round the funhouse in the Supes chambers, the Supes then went back to the future and re-hired Al Beltrami. That was supposed to last "three to six months." It lasted 15 months.

Becoming an employee of the Supervisors he had previously complained about, Beltrami magically changed his opinion of raises for Supervisors. Instead of pointing out (correctly) that there are plenty of candidates for elected office, and that there should be a public process, Beltrami actually reversed field and proposed to his bosses (the Supervisors) that they give themselves a raise (we don't need no steenking process!) and that it should go up at the same rate that the Superior Court judges go up!

The Supervisors, after some perfunctory grumbling from Wattenburger and Delbar, quickly agreed with Beltrami, of course, and raised their salaries beyond what even Beltrami had suggested.

Will Mr. Swivel-Lips Beltrami now go back to the Employers Council and return to denouncing the Supervisors' outlandish raises and other numerous failures? Or will he finally really retire, having jacked his own retirement up with a final crescendo of undistinguished (but well paid) public service?

Now our illustrious leaders have hired a former accountant and former General Services administrator (with no private sector management experience) who apparently found himself about to play another round of musical California County administrators and needing to make sure he had a chair. According to the Supes, new CEO Tom Mitchell's main claim to fame is having steered Calaveras County through the thicket of red tape to a new Criminal Justice Center complex.

Mendo doesn't need a huge, new expensive criminal justice complex. It needs a better jail facility, a decent General Plan Update, better paying jobs, a transparent budget, competent managers and experienced staffers, decent housing, a grading ordinance, and a reasonable way to deal with the huge marijuana problem.

But by pointing out Mr. Mitchell's needless Criminal Justice Center credentials, the Supervisors remind us again that their own priorities come before those of the public who pays their big self-given salaries.

*Mark Scaramella is a Philo resident.*

# ON THE STREETS

## What is your favorite back to school memory?



**Kenneth Peterson**
**911 Dispatcher**
**Ukiah**

"That'd be going to the store, getting new underwear, new socks. All of us kids at home got new clothes.



**Joan Wirth**
**Paint sales**
**Ukiah**

Just catching up with friends that you haven't seen all summer long.... To see who's changed. Seeing my old teachers was always great.."



**Kenneth Bausch**
**Park Ranger**
**Ukiah**

"I don't have one. I was usually bummed out at having to see the bullies I'd hoped Hell had swallowed up during the summer."



**Sarah Hollister**
**Bank Utility**
**Ukiah**

"Taking my grandchildren to school for the first time... And me being the one crying as I walked away."



**Al McQueary**
**Retired veteran**
**Ukiah**

"I thought it was so exciting when my kids went back to school. I was relieved because they were home all summer and it brought back my own school memories."



**Lorena Snider**
**Retired care giver**
**Ukiah**

"My favorite memory of school is graduation. But as far as being in school, in seventh grade I had one of the greatest teachers ever. Mrs. Joan Cox.

*Photos and interviews by MacLeod Pappidas.*

# Letters

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one final note. Press reports have headlined Roger's position as then chairman of the Mendocino County Republican Central Committee. I guess when you get right down to it Kenny Rogers is guilty as charged of being an openly contentious Republican in coastal Mendocino. Oh, and one of the key provisions of the plea bargain is that Rogers will be banned for life from holding State-wide public office. Smacks more of political suppression than democratic rule of law.

**Mark Johnson**
**Fort Bragg**

### We need a revolution

**To the Editor:**

It is clear Congress is going to waste more time and resources "just talking up" any real action.

Cheney and Bush are just the tip of the iceberg, it would be a good start, but there are many many more to go. However how can they be impeached when they were never elected?

Frankly I think Ms. Pelosi and Harry Reid need to be removed for their inaction and lies during the 06 Election.

This country needs a large revolution. Washington has nothing to do with anyone but the politicians and their precious political careers.

**Glenn Ross**
**Calpella**

### Impeachment still the answer

**To the Editor:**

Yes, Alberto Gonzales finally stepped down. Hooray for that! However, torture and a total infringement on our constitutional rights are facts of life that need to be addressed. The best way to end this degradation of us as a human species is to impeach Bush and Cheney ASAP. Whenever any one of us is harmed it affects us all. We are all connected. The more we put out that we can have heaven on Earth here and now with abundance for all the sooner that image will manifest. We are creating our own reality.Let's focus on that beautiful reality that we all want for ourselves and our children's children's children. It is possible and we know this deep down inside. We have been programmed to believe otherwise but this is no longer the case as people take back their own power as creators. Everyone should check out "The Ringing Cedars of Russia." I guarantee that you will be way beyond inspired. You will take action to create heaven on Earth.

**Anna Zbitnoff**
**Redwood Valley**

# The Devil's in the details

### Judicial follies
BY FRANK ZOTTER

In 1971, Gerald Mayo had reached a low point in his life. The records do not explain exactly how, but in some way or another Mayo had become a prison inmate. Looking around for someone to blame, however, he found . . . that person. Acting as his own lawyer, Mayo filed a lawsuit against "Satan and His Staff" (referring, one would assume, to Satan's throng of loyal minions, and not some kind of big stick).

The federal courts jealously guard a prisoner's right of "access to the courts," so because Mayo was a prisoner, he was permitted to file his lawsuit in federal court without paying a fee. But there's a catch: If a prisoner wants to file a case for free, a federal judge has to decide in advance if there is a legal basis for the lawsuit.

Mayo's suit ended up before Judge Gerald Weber of the federal district court in Erie, Pennsylvania, who explained in his ruling that Mayo was asking for permission to sue Satan because "Satan has on numerous occasions caused plaintiff misery and unwarranted threats, against the will of plaintiff," and also that "Satan has placed deliberate obstacles in his path and has caused plaintiff's downfall." Unfortunately, that is about as detailed as Judge Weber got regarding the factual claims in the lawsuit.

In an opinion that runs just a few hundred words, Judge Weber decided that Mayo's lawsuit could not go forward. He did so, oddly enough, on procedural grounds. First, Weber said, "We [judges like to refer to themselves as 'we'] question whether plaintiff may obtain personal jurisdiction over the defendant in this judicial district. The complaint contains no allegation of residence in this district" (although those acquainted with western Pennsylvania could probably point out a few likely places to start looking).

Weber than said that while there was no official case where Satan had been sued (giving everyone some clue to his whereabouts) "there is an unofficial account of a trial in New Hampshire where this defendant filed an action of mortgage foreclosure as a plaintiff. The defendant in that action was represented by the preeminent advocate of that day, and raised the defense that the plaintiff was a foreign prince with no standing to sue in an American court. The defense was overcome by overwhelming evidence to the contrary."

Many people will recognize this as a reference to Stephen Vincent Ben's classic short story, "The Devil and Daniel Webster," in which New Hampshire farmer Jabez Stone, frustrated by the hardships of his life, foolishly offers to sell his soul to the devil in exchange for an easier life. As the cliche has it, when Stone speaks of the devil, Satan appears and accepts the farmer's Faustian bargain. When the devil later returns to collect his payment -- Stone's soul -- Daniel Webster steps forward to defend the man. Weber, however, said that he wouldn't follow this story as precedent.

Weber then turned to the question of whether the case might still be maintained as a class action. The "class" would have been all the people like Mr. Mayo -- that is, everyone who thinks they've ever been misled by Satan. Judge Weber admitted that Mayo's lawsuit seemed to meet the requirement of a class action because "the class is so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable." Nevertheless, Weber ruled against Mayo on that argument, too.

Finally, Weber said that Mayo "has failed to include with his complaint the required form of instructions for the United States Marshal for directions as to service of process." In other words, Mayo didn't give clear enough instructions where to serve the lawsuit. Just putting "go to hell" on the form apparently would have confused a lot of people.

Given all these problems, therefore, Weber decided that Mayo's case could not be allowed to proceed. Of course, if Mayo could have come up with the money, he could always have filed the suit without the judge's permission -- so that it would have to have been dismissed later on in the process.

Some years ago, the late comedian Flip Wilson was charged with possession of hashish found in his luggage at an airport. His case was ultimately dismissed by the California Supreme Court, which ruled that the search that turned up the drugs was illegal.

And a lucky thing, too. After Judge Weber's ruling, if Wilson hadn't gotten the evidence thrown out, even he, dressed as his character Geraldine Jones, couldn't have defended the case by claiming "the devil made me do it."

*9-2-07/Mayo v. Satan and His Staff, 54 F.R.D. 282 (W.D.Pa., 1971)(c) 2007 by Frank Zotter Jr.*

*Frank Zotter is a Ukiah attorney.*

# SPORTS

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## LOCAL CALENDAR

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 4**

Ukiah High School Volleyball against Windsor High School. Ukiah High Gym, 4:30p.m.

**THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6**

Ukiah High tennis vs. Montgomery at 3:30p.m. at Montgomery.

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7**

Ukiah High varsity/JV football vs. Sonoma at 5:00/7:30p.m. in Sonoma.

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 8**

Mendocino JC volleyball tournament, starts at 8:30a.m. at the Mendocino College gymnasium.

## LOCAL SCORES

**MENDOCNO COLLEGE SOCCER**

The Mendocino College girls soccer team lost their game against Southern Orgeon 0-3 in Eureka on Saturday, Sept. 2.

## COMMUNITY DIGEST

### Rusty Bowl BMX open use hours

Open use hours began July 23 and will run through September 30, BMX racing will be on Sunday at a new time. Registration will open from 5 p.m. until 6:30. Racing follows the close of registration.

Open practice is held on Thursday evenings from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come out and experience bicycle Moto-Cross at its best. For additional information call 462-0249.

### Ryan Rones soccer camp scholarship

The Ryan Rones Scholarship Committee is looking for applicants for the scholarship fund to benefit players wanting to attend soccer camps. Applicants must be dedicated to the game of soccer, hard-working, and have a good team attitude. Pick up applications at 601 N. State Street, or call 468-5711. Please submit the application at least two weeks before the start of the camp. Donations toward the fund are gratefully accepted at the address listed above.

### Ukiah co-ed softball tournament

The City of Ukiah is beginning registration for a co-ed slow pitch softball tournament. The tourney will be held at the Ukiah Sports Complex on Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23.

The format will be a three game round-robin with a single elimination playoff to follow. The deadline for registration is Friday, September 14 with a maximum of 18 teams. Team fees are $300 per team (no player fee).

All proceeds go towards field and facility improvements for the City of Ukiah Complex. For questions or to register a team, please call (707) 463-6714 or come to 411 West Clay Street.

### Ukiahi Athletic Boosters meeting

Become involved and join the Ukiah High School Athletic Boosters Club. All parents and community members are welcome and encouraged to participate.

This is a fun and long-standing community group which works hard to help local prep athletes obtain their uniforms and much needed equipment.

The next Ukiah High School Athletic Boosters meeting will be on Wednesday, September 5, at 5:30 p.m. on the Ukiahi campus in the Career Center located in the Administration Building.

### Ukiahi Athletic Boosters dinner

Ukiah High School Athletic Boosters fund raising dinner and auction will be held on Monday, October 15. The community is invited to join us for our annual event at a "new" location in the Fine Arts building at the Ukiah Fair Grounds.

Dinner tickets are $30 per person. For reservations and purchase information contact Deni Lee at 468-3736 or Val Jackson at 468-9085.

### UVAH golf tourney

On September 22, the 17th annual Ukiah Valley Association for Habilitation (UVAH) golf tourney will be held at the Ukiah Municipal Golf Course.

Participants can enter as a team of up to four people, or individually. Prizes for the first, second, and third place teams, hole-in-ones and longest putt and longest drive will be awarded to participants.

Sign up by September 1, to ensure a shotgun start. For more information call Pam Jensen at 468-8824. A $60 donation required, $35 for people with yearly memberships. All proceeds go to the UVAH.

### Attention coaches!

Please report local game results and schedule updates to the Ukiah Daily Journal sports desk as they happen. Ideas for sports feature stories are also appreciated.

Game or team photos, statistics, and contact information are always appreciated. The sports editors will do their best to include as many local teams as possible.

Information may be dropped off at 590 South School Street on weekdays. Telephone results to 468-3518 any time, or email udjsports@pacific.net.

# Mendocino College opens season against Santa Rosa



Photo by MacLeod Pappidas/The Daily Journal

**Mendocino College running back Kevin Young makes the most of a hand off in the first quarter of play against Santa Rosa.**

## Mendocino drops season opener in an offensive show

**By ZACK CORNS**
**The Daily journal**

Mendocino College football opened it's season with a tough match-up against Santa Rosa Junior College, who is among the highest ranked teams in California.

The game was an offensive explosion, with a combined score of 110 points put up by both teams, unfortunately, SRJC proved to be too much, and Mendocino College ended up on the losing end.

After SRJC won, and elected to receive the kickoff, Mendo quickly put a stop to their opening drive. And on their first drive, Mendo moved the ball down the field effortlessly, before capping the drive off with a touchdown pass from Jake Laudenslayer to Kyle Odonnell.

SRJC then answered with a touchdown of their own, and then marched down the field and into the Mendocino red-zone before the end of the first quarter.

SRJC then started the second quarter by capping a long drive with a touchdown, to take the lead 14-7.

Not to be stopped, on Mendo's next possession, they drove deep into SRJC's territory, as a result of some great passing, and score another touchdown on a pass from Cody Manguso to Errik Graham, they then missed the extra point, making the score 14-13 SRJC.

Unfortunately, just when momentum seemed to be swinging towards Mendo, Santa Rosa's Clarence Ward ran the Mendo kickoff in for a touchdown.

Mendo failed to do anything on their next possession, going four-and-out, only to have Santa Rosa march down the field and score another touchdown.

Mendo then scored a touchdown on their next possession, after a costly Santa Rosa penalty, to give Mendo the ball inside the five-yard-line and a first down. After the touchdown, Mendo went for, and successfully completed a two-point conversion.

SRJC then marched down the field to score another touchdown before the end of the half. Going into the locker rooms at halftime, the score was 35-21 SRJC.

Since SRJC decided to receive the ball to start the game, Mendo was set to come out and get the first possession of the second half, but on the kickoff, Mendocino fumbled and Santa Rosa came up with it. They then capitalized on the mistake and took a three touchdown lead.

On Mendo's next defensive series, Santa Rosa looked like they were going to move down the field for another score, until Mendocino's Greg Tompkins came up with a big interception deep in his own territory.

Mendocino was able to capitalize and scored another touchdown off of the SRJC turnover, but they missed another extra point.

Santa Rosa came back on their next possession and scored another touchdown to make the lead 49-27 heading into the fourth quarter.

At the start of the fourth quarter, it looked like both teams were going to just ride it out and move onto the next game, then SRJC scored two more touchdown, one of which was off of a costly Mendocino interception.

Then, with just over five minutes left in the game, Mendo was able to punch it in for the score. Then, after making SRJC go four-and-out, Mendo took advantage of a bad snap when SRJC was trying to punt, and with about two and a half minutes to go, scored their second touchdown in less than two minutes.

SRJC then returned the kickoff back for a touchdown, their second of the game, making the score 70-40 SRJC over Mendocino. This proved to be the final score, after Santa Rosa kept Mendo from scoring again, and after a punt with 15 seconds to go, Santa Rosa ran out the clock to end the game.

# Defending champ Maria Sharapova stunned at the U.S. Open

**By HOWARD FENDRICH**
**AP Tennis Writer**

NEW YORK — Pay no attention to what Maria Sharapova said after her U.S. Open title defense came to an end Saturday.

This was a case of actions speaking far louder than words, and the way things slipped away, so suddenly and stunningly, Sharapova clearly was flustered — by the swirling wind and bright sun, by her errant strokes and, most of all, by the Krakow Kid across the net who kept moving way up to receive serves.

Sharapova reeled off eight consecutive games to go up a break in the third set, then dropped the final six games and lost 6-4, 1-6, 6-2 to 18-year-old Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland in the third round, the earliest exit by a No. 2-seeded woman at the U.S. Open since 1981.

"I don't know if it was a combination of the circumstance or the wind or the opponent playing well. I don't know what it was," said Sharapova, who double-faulted a whopping 12 times. "I just didn't quite feel like me out there."

The braces-wearing, big-hitting Radwanska isn't exactly a nobody. She won junior championships at the French Open in 2005 and Wimbledon in 2006, took home her first tour title this month and came to New York seeded 30th. Still, she understood the circumstances Saturday.

"I had nothing to lose. She was the favorite — and I think she was more nervous," said Radwanska, who will fulfill a prematch promise to her younger sister, this year's Wimbledon junior champion, by buying them matching Louis Vuitton handbags to celebrate the upset.

She wasn't the only 18-year-old from Eastern Europe who pulled off a big win Saturday: Victoria Azarenka of Belarus beat 1997 champion Martina Hingis 3-6, 6-1, 6-0, and Agnes Szavay of Hungary eliminated No. 7 Nadia Petrova 6-2, 6-3. Plus, 16-year-old Tamira Paszek of Austria knocked off No. 11 Patty Schnyder 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (1). All of which means 2004 U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova has to like her chances in the bottom half of the draw.

"You can see the new generation coming up," Hingis said. "They're very dangerous. I knew it's not going to be easy. My mom texted me. She said, 'Watch out.'"

Sharapova had lost a combined two games in her first two matches, but could have used some similar advice before facing Radwanska. If that was the most surprising result of the tournament so far, what happened later in Arthur Ashe Stadium almost would qualify: Three-time reigning men's champion Roger Federer lost a set against 6-foot-9 American wild-card John Isner, who only a few months ago was leading Georgia to the NCAA team title.

For one glorious set, the 184th-ranked Isner stayed right with the man who's been at No. 1 for a record 187 straight weeks. And when Isner ended a 13-stroke exchange with a big forehand approach shot, then smacked service winners at 134 mph and 124 mph, he took that first set in a tiebreaker.

Isner punched the air and strutted to the sideline chomping on his white towel, while his supporters, some in Georgia Bulldogs regalia, jumped and yelled and barked their approval. The partisan home crowd rose, too; pretty much the only people in their seats at the ensuing changeover were the family and friends in Federer's guest box.

Remember: Federer has won 11 Grand Slam titles, while Isner has played in three Grand Slam matches, all this week.

And then, nearly as quickly as Sharapova came unraveled, Federer came together. Remarkably, he did not make an unforced error — not a single one! — during a 105-point stretch that included the entire second and third sets in his 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 victory.

Federer even conjured up a lob that curled over the second-tallest man on tour and landed in a corner.

"Doesn't happen every day," said Federer, trying to become the first man since the 1920s to win this tournament four years running.

He set up a fourth-round meeting against Feliciano Lopez, who ended the run of 18-year-old Donald Young of the United States by winning in four sets. The Federer-Lopez winner will take on the winner of No. 5 Andy Roddick vs. No. 9 Tomas Berdych in the quarterfinals.

Roddick, the 2003 U.S. Open champion and runner-up to Federer last year, zoomed 19 aces and zipped past 2002 Australian Open champion Thomas Johansson 6-3, 6-2, 6-0, then explained to the crowd, with a wink and a smile, why he was in a hurry.

"I've got to try to find myself a hot date later," said Roddick, who's dated actress Mandy Moore and been linked to Sharapova in the past, "so I tried to get off the court a little faster."

He's spoken about being pleased to see other U.S. men making strong showings, taking some of the attention away. His Davis Cup teammate, No. 6 James Blake, was to face Stefan Koubek at night, but Young and Isner couldn't keep pace on this day.

"The difference between that pressure and the pressure I have," Roddick explained, "is they lose and it's OK, you know?"

His next opponent, Berdych, is best known for upsetting Federer at the 2004 Olympics, and advanced Saturday with a 7-6 (2), 6-1, 7-6 (3) win over Fernando Verdasco.

Now Radwanska has her breakout moment, and she did it despite looking quite bad in the middle of the match.

"She destroyed me in the second set," Radwanska said. "But then I woke up."

She always appeared bothered by one thing or another. She started the match without a visor, then added one. She tried to wait out wind gusts before serving, then would catch her toss anyway.

And then there was what kept happening before Sharapova's second serves. Radwanska would walk halfway to the service box and stand there, before hopping in place and then shifting back some. It was not only a tactic, but also basically an insult, akin to saying, "Hey, Maria, I'm not intimidated by your serve in the least."

Sharapova insisted afterward that didn't rattle her — "I usually don't think about where my opponent's standing," she sniffed — yet three were all of those double-faults.

# Verlander, Granderson lead Detroit past Oakland

**By JANIE McCAULEY**
**AP Sports Writer**

OAKLAND — Jim Leyland constantly reminds himself and everybody else that Justin Verlander is only 24 and in his second full major league season.

Leyland, the Tigers' old-school skipper, hardly expects Verlander to be perfect or carry the team at this stage in his career.

Yet the reigning AL Rookie of the Year sure did so Saturday.

Verlander struck out 10 and outpitched Dan Haren in their third matchup of 2007, and Curtis Granderson homered, doubled and scored three runs to lead the Tigers past the Oakland Athletics 6-1.

"I thought today was some of the best stuff he's had all year," Leyland said. "His fastball was electric today, as good as I've seen it. He's a rare dude, because it's hard to find guys 24 years old with an electric fastball, electric curve and above-average change-up."

Leyland will give Verlander an extra day before his next start after the right-hander threw a season-high 128 pitches.

Detroit tagged Haren (14-6) for 11 hits, the most he's given up this year, and Verlander's big day helped the Tigers hold ground in their chase for the AL Central and wild card.

Granderson went 4-for-5 with two RBIs and Magglio Ordonez and Ryan Raburn each doubled in runs for the Tigers, who had lost three of four and started the day a season-high 5 1/2 games behind the first-place Indians. They stayed three games behind the wild card-leading New York Yankees, who beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 9-6.

A few minor tweaks to his mechanics have made a difference for Verlander in recent weeks on the heels of a four-start winless stretch spanning from late July through Aug. 6. Verlander, who threw a no-hitter June 12 against Milwaukee, worked closely with pitching coach Chuck Hernandez.



Photo by Mike Lucia/Tri-Valley Herald

**The A's starting pitcher Dan Haren was credited for the loss Saturday after giving up five runs.**

"I don't want to put added pressure on myself or Jeremy (Bonderman)," said Verlander, who struck out 10 or more batters for the third time this year. "But at the same time, I don't mind being the guy the team goes to to get a stop or a win. I've been on a mission to get myself right and back where I need to be."

Verlander (15-5) and Haren, a pair of aces and first-time All-Stars who began the day with identical records, both had won in their home stadium in their previous matchups this season.

"I understand better than anybody in that clubhouse that he's a young kid," Leyland said. "I'm not critical of any of my players. My job is to help him get better.

"Even though I know he's going to go through some of those times, I'm not going to overlook it. He's a tremendous talent, one of the most tremendous talents in the big leagues. That doesn't mean at 24 years old you've got all the answers."

Haren began the day with an AL-best 2.72 ERA while Verlander was tied for fourth in the league with a .234 batting average against.

Verlander, who allowed a run and six hits in 6 2-3 innings, struck out the side in the fifth, ending the inning by fanning Jack Cust for the third time. After two strikeouts to start the seventh, Verlander allowed a single to Kurt Suzuki, a double to Shannon Stewart and walk to Nick Swisher to load the bases for Cust.

Bobby Seay relieved and got Cust on a called third strike, his fourth K.

"(Verlander) made his pitches on Jack, that's for sure," A's manager Bob Geren said.

Mike Piazza homered leading off the fourth for the A's a day after doubling to start the game-winning rally in the 10th inning of Friday's 5-4 victory. It was the sixth homer of the year for Piazza, in his first season in the American League as a designated hitter.

Granderson connected for his 19th home run leading off the third, the sixth homer allowed by Haren over his last three starts. He gave up only five longballs over his previous 10 outings. Granderson doubled and scored in the seventh and added a run-scoring single in the eighth.

After Raburn's RBI double in the third, Haren retired 11 of the next 12 Detroit batters before Sean Casey's two-out double in the sixth. Haren allowed three straight hits to start the seventh, including Placido Polanco's RBI single and Granderson's double.

Haren gave up five runs in six innings.

"Frustrating," he said. "When you face a team several times you've got to figure a way to get them out and I didn't do a very good job of that. ... I put us in a hole early, then I pitched well enough to get us back in the game. Then I let it unravel at the end."

Haren allowed hits to three of the Tigers' first four batters, including back-to-back singles to start the game by Granderson and Polanco. After Raburn grounded into a double play, Ordonez doubled in a run for a 1-0 lead.

Carlos Guillen added a sacrifice fly for Detroit in the seventh.

**Notes:** Haren gave up double digits in hits for the first time in '07.

Tigers No. 9 hitter, Timo Perez, had three hits, scored two runs and stole a base.

The A's re-signed free agent C Adam Melhuse. To make roster room for Melhuse, the A's transferred 3B Eric Chavez to the 60-day DL. They also called up LHP Dallas Braden to start the series finale Sunday. ... The Tigers recalled RHPs Yorman Bazardo and Jose Capellan and INFs Mike Hessman and Omar Infante from Triple-A Toledo.

# Beem, Weir among leaders when they need it

**By DOUG FERGUSON**
**AP Golf Writer**

NORTON, Mass. — Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Vijay Singh delivered the kind of golf everyone expected.

Mike Weir and Rich Beem played the golf they badly needed.

Woods and Mickelson traded torrid stretches of birdies and eagles Saturday morning on the TPC Boston, each posting a 7-under 64 that thrust them into contention in the Deutsche Bank Championship.

They were the best two scores on a tricky day of swirling wind, but not the most significant.

Those belonged to Weir (68) and Beem (66), and not just because they moved into a share of the 36-hole lead with Aaron Baddeley in the second week of the PGA Tour Playoffs.

Beem is the longest of long shots in this FedEx Cup finale, who narrowly avoided elimination last week at Westchester with a tie for seventh. It isn't getting any easier outside Boston, where anything lower than second place will send him home.

He waited until these playoffs to play his best golf of the year, and he waited until the end of the second round Saturday to change his fortunes. Beem birdied his last four holes and shared the lead at 9-under 133.

The former PGA champion is slowly becoming the symbol that everyone can dream of the $10 million prize for the FedEx Cup.

"Of all the things I could be the poster child for, this is not the one that I would have picked," said Beem, who went from 134th to 113th in the standings last week, crucial because only the top 120 player qualified for Boston.

"It's kind of crazy how it's all coming together, but I sure am having fun. This is certainly interesting. I've just got to keep trying to make some putts, and who knows?"

Weir needs to finish in the top five to have any chance of moving into the top 70 in the playoff standings and advance to the BMW Championship outside Chicago. This is the first time since a year ago at Pebble Beach that Weir has been atop the leaderboard through 36 holes, and the Canadian has gone three years without winning.

That weighs more on him than the FedEx Cup.

"I just want to play well for myself," Weir said. "It's been a while since I've hoisted a trophy, and more than anything, that's what I'm concerned about. That would get me into next week."

Weir built a two-shot lead, but gave back two shots on his last two holes. His tee shot on the par-3 eighth missed to the green to the right and led to bogey, and his approach on the ninth went just over the green, leaving him a downhill look at the hole that took him three shots to get down. He still shot a 68 and had few complaints.

Baddeley birdied his final hole for a 66, in contention for the second straight year at the Deutsche Bank.

They were at 9-under 133, one shot clear of Mickelson, Sean O'Hair (66), Brett Wetterich (68) and Ryan Moore (69).

Meanwhile, the Big Three put on quite a show in round two.

Another large crowd chased them around the course in morning sunshine and rarely had a muted moment. There were only six holes on which no one in this glamor group made a birdie, and they were a combined 19 under par. They were a combined 3 over on Friday.

"This is what we were hoping for and kind of expecting yesterday," Mickelson said.

Lefty was the first to get going, chipping in for birdie on the 15th, for eagle on the 18th and finishing a torrid eight-hole stretch with a flop shot that skipped hard past the flag, stopped, then spun back to 3 feet for birdie on the par-5 second.



File photo

**Tiger Woods shot a 7-under 64 after a rough first day.**

That seemed to wake up Woods, who was six shots behind Mickelson at that point.

On the 298-yard fourth hole where he took three shots out of a bunker and made double bogey in the opening round, he got his revenge. Woods hit a driver that the wind held up and deposited on the green some 35 feet right of the flag, and he holed it for eagle. That turned out to be a four-shot swing from Friday, and it came in the middle of a six-hole stretch in which Woods was 6 under.

He wound up at 6-under 136, along with playoff points leader Steve Stricker (69)

"I knew that 3 or 4 under would put me right back in the tournament," Woods said. "Now I'm back in the tournament."

Singh was in jeopardy of missing three straight cuts for the first time in his career until he ran off four straight birdies around the turn, stopped making mistakes and wound up with a 66 — the highest score by two shots in his group. He was at 2-under 140.

The cut was at 1-over 143, which spared Steve Flesch for the moment. He shot 72 to make it on the number, and at No. 70 in the standings, has two days to make sure he gets to Chicago.

The FedEx Cup season ended for a few dozen players who were below 70th in the standings and missed the cut, such as former U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen and former PGA champion Davis Love III.

Beem figured to be gone by now. He had not posted a top 10 since January, and needed one at Westchester simply to keep his season going. Now, he has a share of the 36-hole lead for the first time since his '02 PGA Championship victory at Hazeltine.

Best of all, he feels as though he is playing his best.

"You can play your way in," Beem said of the new FedEx Cup format. "I'm living proof of that."


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# Olson throws 5 TD passes to lead No. 14 UCLA past Stanford 45-17

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

STANFORD — As soon as UCLA opened up its offense in the second half, Ben Olson spoiled Jim Harbaugh's debut at Stanford.

Olson threw three of his five touchdown passes after halftime and Kahlil Bell ran for a career-high 195 yards to lead the 14th-ranked Bruins to a 45-17 victory Saturday in Harbaugh's first game as the Cardinal coach.

"We kind of had a little bit of sputtering at the beginning of the game," Olson said. "But then we settled in and overcame some of the issues that we had."

Olson's cool efficiency in his return to the starting lineup and 20 returning starters for the Bruins (1-0, 1-0 Pac-10) were too much for the emotion-fueled Cardinal (0-1, 0-1), who tried to match the high energy level of their new head coach.

Coaching across the street from where he went to high school, Harbaugh's imprint on Stanford's offense was evident as the Cardinal moved the ball much better than they did in a 1-11 season a year ago that led to Walt Harris' firing.

"I don't think the score was very indicative of how we played," Harbaugh said. "I believe we have a football team now."

But Harbaugh still has a long way to go to make Stanford a winner as the defense still struggled with missed tackles and gave up 624 total yards to new coordinator Jay Norvell's offense.

After being outscored 165-33 in losing all five games at its remodeled stadium in 2006, Stanford was competitive for a little more than a half this game. The Cardinal trailed 14-7 at halftime and were within 21-10 late in the third quarter.

But Olson came through with the big plays throughout and the Bruins lived up to their highest preseason ranking since 1998.

"We feel we have a lot of potential. A lot of potential to do great things," coach Karl Dorrell said.

UCLA exploited Stanford with a flea-flicker and numerous wide receiver screens in the second half, including a 77-yarder for a touchdown to Joe Cowan that gave the Bruins a 28-10 lead.

Olson added a 15-yard TD pass in the fourth quarter to Brandon Breazell, who had six catches for 111 yards.

"We knew we needed to open up the offense a little bit more," Dorrell said. "I think we were just a touch conservative in the first half. We just decided to get the ball to some of our playmakers and see if they can make some plays."

Olson started the first five games last season before being sidelined with a left knee injury against Arizona. He returned to practice a month later but remained the backup to Patrick Cowan for the final four games. Olson won the starting job in training camp and showed he has no intentions of giving it up soon.

Olson finished 16-for-29 for 286 yards as UCLA won in its first season opener against a conference opponent since 1997.

"He needed this," Breazell said. "After sitting out a whole year then waiting a whole summer to face someone else, finally day one comes and we get to release all our anger. It was nice to get to play and relax."

Senior T.C. Ostrander, beginning the season as the starter for the first time in his career, was 27-for-59 for 331 yards — all career highs — and two touchdowns, including a 70-yarder to Richard Sherman in the fourth quarter.

"I started a little shaky," Ostrander said. "It took a while to get my rhythm but I was better than I have been. The game was closer than the score. I felt we were very competitive for a great majority of the game."

The Harbaugh era got off to an inauspicious start when Ostrander was stripped on a sack by a blitzing Trey Brown on the third play of the game, giving UCLA the ball at the Cardinal 12 after Bruce Davis' recovery.

Stanford's defense held the Bruins and Kai Forbath missed a 28-yard field goal to keep the game scoreless. But the Cardinal could not shut down the Bruins for long.

An 11-yard punt by Jay Ottovegio gave UCLA the ball on its own 40 midway through the first quarter. Four plays later, Breazell made a leaping 19-yard touchdown grab over Tim Sims to give UCLA the lead.

Sims was victimized again early in the second quarter, when Gavin Ketchum beat him for a 6-yard score that was set up by Bell's 59-yard run.

While the Cardinal played with more enthusiasm than last year, the offense didn't show much more effectiveness until Ostrander led the team on an 80-yard drive in the final minutes of the opening half. He went 4-for-6 for 45 yards on the drive, capping it with a 9-yard score to Jim Dray.

The touchdown at home was so rare — Stanford had only three on offense in five home games last year — that the scoreboard operator originally gave the points to UCLA.



Photo by Nhat V. Meyer/Mercury News

**UCLA Bruins quarterback Ben Olson, No. 7, rolls-out against the Stanford Cardinal defense in the first quarter at Stanford Stadium on Saturday.**

## SCOREBOARD

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New York | 75 | 60 | .556 | — |
| Philadelphia | 72 | 62 | .537 | 2 1/2 |
| Atlanta | 69 | 67 | .507 | 6 1/2 |
| Florida | 58 | 77 | .430 | 17 |
| Washington | 58 | 77 | .430 | 17 |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 69 | 65 | .515 | — |
| Milwaukee | 67 | 67 | .500 | 2 |
| St. Louis | 65 | 66 | .496 | 2 1/2 |
| Cincinnati | 62 | 73 | .459 | 7 1/2 |
| Houston | 61 | 75 | .449 | 9 |
| Pittsburgh | 59 | 75 | .440 | 10 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| San Diego | 74 | 60 | .552 | — |
| Arizona | 75 | 61 | .551 | — |
| Los Angeles | 70 | 64 | .522 | 4 |
| Colorado | 69 | 65 | .515 | 5 |
| San Francisco | 62 | 73 | .459 | 12 1/2 |

Friday's Games
Houston 6, Chicago Cubs 1
Philadelphia 9, Florida 2
San Francisco 3, Washington 2
N.Y. Mets 7, Atlanta 1
Milwaukee 3, Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 8, Cincinnati 5
Colorado 7, Arizona 3, 10 innings
San Diego 6, L.A. Dodgers 4

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Glavine 11-6) at Atlanta (Smoltz 12-6), 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eaton 9-8) at Florida (Olsen 9-12), 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Zito 9-11) at Washington (Chico 5-7), 1:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Gonzalenny 13-7) at Milwaukee (Suppan 8-11), 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 7-13) at St. Louis (Looper 11-10), 2:15 p.m.
Houston (W.Williams 8-13) at Chicago Cubs (Hill 8-7), 2:20 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 9-4) at San Diego (Germano 7-7), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Fogg 7-9) at Arizona (Webb 14-9), 4:40 p.m.

Monday's Games
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 1:05 p.m.
Florida at Washington, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati, 1:15 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 2:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
San Francisco at Colorado, 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 4:40 p.m.

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East Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 80 | 55 | .593 | — |
| New York | 76 | 60 | .559 | 4 1/2 |
| Toronto | 69 | 66 | .511 | 11 |
| Baltimore | 59 | 74 | .444 | 20 |
| Tampa Bay | 55 | 81 | .404 | 25 1/2 |

Central Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cleveland | 77 | 57 | .575 | — |
| Detroit | 73 | 63 | .537 | 5 |
| Minnesota | 69 | 67 | .507 | 9 |
| Kansas City | 60 | 75 | .444 | 17 1/2 |
| Chicago | 57 | 78 | .422 | 20 1/2 |

West Division

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Los Angeles | 80 | 55 | .593 | — |
| Seattle | 73 | 61 | .545 | 6 1/2 |
| Oakland | 67 | 70 | .489 | 14 |
| Texas | 62 | 73 | .459 | 18 |

Friday's Games
Kansas City 9, Minnesota 4, 1st game
Minnesota 5, Kansas City 0, 2nd game
Baltimore 9, Boston 8
Tampa Bay 9, N.Y. Yankees 1
Cleveland 8, Chicago White Sox 5
Toronto 7, Seattle 5
Oakland 5, Detroit 4, 10 innings
L.A. Angels 7, Texas 6, 10 innings

Saturday's Games
Minnesota 6, Kansas City 4
N.Y. Yankees 9, Tampa Bay 6
Toronto 2, Seattle 1
Detroit 6, Oakland 1
Texas 7, L.A. Angels 6

Sunday's Games
Tampa Bay (Hammel 1-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 12-7), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Contreras 7-16) at Cleveland (Westbrook 5-7), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (Weaver 5-10) at Toronto (Burnett 7-7), 1:07 p.m.
Baltimore (D.Cabrera 9-13) at Boston (Lester 2-0), 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Bannister 11-7) at Minnesota (Bonser 6-11), 2:10 p.m.
Detroit (Robertson 7-11) at Oakland (Braden 1-7), 4:05 p.m.

Monday's Games
Seattle at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.

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Detroit 2, New York 1
Friday, Aug. 24: New York 73, Detroit 51
Sunday, Aug. 26: Detroit 76, New York 73
Tuesday, Aug. 28: Detroit 71, New York 70, OT

Indiana 2, Connecticut 1
Thursday, Aug. 23: Connecticut 93, Indiana 88, 3OT
Saturday, Aug. 25: Indiana 78, Connecticut 59
Monday, Aug. 27: Indiana 93, Connecticut 88, OT

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Phoenix 2, Seattle 0
Friday, Aug. 24: Phoenix 101, Seattle 84
Sunday, Aug. 26: Phoenix 95, Seattle 89

San Antonio 2, Sacramento 1
Thursday, Aug. 23: Sacramento 86, San Antonio 85
Saturday, Aug. 25: San Antonio 86, Sacramento 61
Monday, Aug. 27: San Antonio 80, Sacramento 78

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-5)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Detroit vs. Indiana
Friday, Aug. 31: Indiana 75, Detroit 65, Indiana leads series 1-0
Sunday, Sept. 2: Indiana at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 3: Indiana at Detroit, 6 p.m., if necessary

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Phoenix 2, San Antonio 0
Thursday, Aug. 30: Phoenix 102, San Antonio 100
Saturday, Sept. 1: Phoenix 98, San Antonio 92, Phoenix wins series 2-0.

### MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

At A Glance
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All Times EDT

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New England | 12 | 5 | 6 | 42 | 37 | 28 |
| D.C. United | 12 | 6 | 3 | 39 | 36 | 23 |
| New York | 10 | 9 | 3 | 33 | 36 | 32 |
| Kansas City | 9 | 9 | 5 | 32 | 36 | 36 |
| Columbus | 8 | 7 | 9 | 27 | 26 | 29 |
| Chicago | 7 | 9 | 5 | 26 | 22 | 29 |
| Toronto FC | 5 | 12 | 5 | 20 | 18 | 35 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| | W | L | T | Pts | GF | GA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Houston | 11 | 7 | 5 | 38 | 30 | 16 |
| CD Chivas USA | 11 | 6 | 3 | 36 | 30 | 19 |
| FC Dallas | 11 | 7 | 3 | 36 | 28 | 27 |
| Colorado | 7 | 9 | 6 | 27 | 23 | 25 |
| Real Salt Lake | 3 | 11 | 6 | 15 | 17 | 30 |
| Los Angeles | 3 | 10 | 5 | 14 | 21 | 31 |

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday's Game
Real Salt Lake 3, Kansas City 1

Sunday's Game
Colorado at Columbus, 3 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 6
D.C. United at CD Chivas USA, 10 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 8
Chicago at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at FC Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 9
New England at D.C. United, 3 p.m.
New York at CD Chivas USA, 8 p.m.

### PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

At A Glance
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Northern Division

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nashville (Brewers) | 85 | 55 | .610 | — |
| Iowa (Cubs) | 78 | 63 | .553 | 8 |
| Omaha (Royals) | 70 | 71 | .496 | 16 |
| Memphis (Cardinals) | 57 | 84 | .404 | 29 |

Southern Division

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Orleans (Mets) | 73 | 68 | .518 | — |
| Albuquerque (Marlins) | 71 | 68 | .511 | 1 |
| Oklahoma (Rangers) | 69 | 71 | .493 | 3 1/2 |
| Round Rock (Astros) | 60 | 79 | .432 | 12 |

Pacific Conference

Northern Division

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Salt Lake (Angels) | 73 | 67 | .521 | — |
| Col. Springs (Rockies) | 68 | 73 | .482 | 5 1/2 |
| Tacoma (Mariners) | 66 | 75 | .468 | 7 1/2 |
| Portland (Padres) | 57 | 84 | .404 | 16 1/2 |

Southern Division

| | W | L | Pct. | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sacramento (Athletics) | 81 | 60 | .574 | — |
| Tucson (Diamondbacks) | 75 | 64 | .540 | 5 |
| Fresno (Giants) | 75 | 66 | .532 | 6 |
| Las Vegas (Dodgers) | 65 | 76 | .461 | 16 |

Friday's Games
New Orleans 3, Round Rock 0
Iowa 8, Omaha 0
Memphis 4, Nashville 3
Sacramento 6, Tucson 5
Las Vegas 11, Salt Lake 9, 11 innings


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# U.S. clinches spot in 2008 Olympics with 135-91 rout of Puerto Rico

**By BRIAN MAHONEY**
**AP Basketball Writer**

LAS VEGAS — The United States has a ticket to Beijing — and a team capable of cashing it in for gold.

Carmelo Anthony scored 27 points, Michael Redd had 23, and the Americans clinched a spot in the 2008 Olympics by crushing Puerto Rico 135-91 on Saturday in the semifinals of the FIBA Americas tournament.

LeBron James added 19 points and nine assists, Kobe Bryant scored 15 points, and the three stars keyed a dominant third quarter stretch that showed why the Americans will arrive in China as one of the gold medal favorites. Then they headed to the bench, where they sat while fans chanted their names in the final minutes.

Anthony made four 3-pointers during the near-perfect period, when the Americans hit 14 of 16 shots (87.5 percent), including all eight 3-pointers while outscoring Puerto Rico 43 to 28.

The United States finished 23-of-36 (64 percent) from behind the arc. Redd was 7-of-8, Anthony hit 6-of-7, and Mike Miller was 4-for-6.

The Americans are without a gold medal in their last three major events: the 2004 Olympics, and 2002 and '06 world championships. But they remain untouchable in the Olympic qualifier, improving to 35-0 — with still only one game decided by single digits.

They will try to complete a perfect run in Sunday's final against Argentina, but the game is ultimately meaningless.

Both teams locked up berths by winning their semifinal games, joining host China, world champion Spain, and zone champions Iran, Angola and Australia as teams already in the Beijing field.

Larry Ayuso scored 22 points and Carlos Arroyo added 21 for Puerto Rico, which stayed with the U.S. until a curious substitution pattern in the second quarter — not that it would have mattered after what the Americans did in the third.

Still, Puerto Rico did enough here to guarantee itself games next year. Minutes away from elimination in the first round, the Puerto Ricans recovered to earn a spot along with Brazil and fifth-place Canada in next summer's Olympic qualifying tournament.

Puerto Rico and Brazil will meet Sunday for third place.

With Arroyo getting around Jason Kidd and Ayuso occasionally breaking free of Bryant for some long jumpers, Puerto Rico shot 55 percent and trailed only 33-27 after one quarter.

The lead was still six when both went to the bench with 8:20 left.

And for some reason, that's where they stayed for the rest of the half.

The Americans quickly pushed the lead into double digits, and the Puerto Ricans couldn't do much about it — especially after another starter, center Peter John Ramos, went to the bench with his third foul with 5:11 to go.

Puerto Rico managed only four field goals in the period and the U.S. lead was 57-42 at halftime.

Anthony moved past Gary Payton for the most points by a U.S. player in an Olympic qualifying tournament. Anthony has 175 points, while Payton had 160 in 1999.

# Byrd homers, Rangers rough up Escobar in 7-6 win over Angels

**Associated Press**

ANAHEIM — The first two stints Edinson Volquez had in the major leagues with the Texas Rangers were quite forgettable. He spent this season pitching at three different minor league levels before getting another promotion on Saturday.

Volquez got the victory in his regular season debut, beating the AL West-leading Los Angeles Angels 7-6. Marlon Byrd broke out of a rut with three hits including a solo homer, and the Rangers got two-run doubles from David Murphy and Brad Wilkerson against Kelvim Escobar.

"I'm really happy because I'm back in the big leagues and I got a win in my first game back," Volquez said. "My problem the last time I was up here was my fastball command, so they sent me back to Arizona to get it back. Today I was confident. I just did everything I did when I was in Triple-A."

The 24-year-old right-hander threw 94 pitches over five innings, allowing three runs and seven hits after getting staked to a 6-1 lead. He struck out four and walked two.

"He had good tempo out there, he used all his pitches around the strike zone and he showed some maturity," manager Ron Washington said. "They made him work pretty hard and he piled up some pitches, but he certainly looked like he had some idea what he wanted to do."

Volquez started his season at Bakersfield, then went a combined 14-1 with a 2.55 ERA for Triple-A Oklahoma and Double-A Frisco. He entered this game 1-10 with a 9.20 ERA in 14 big league appearances, including 11 starts, and was winless with an 11.57 ERA against the Angels.

"That record he had up here was only because he couldn't find the strike zone," Washington said. "This year he went down to the minor leagues and he found the strike zone. There's the difference right there. He worked on his mechanics, his attitude, his commitment, his effort, he worked on being a man — he worked on everything.

"He went from A-ball to the big leagues, and he deserves to be here. I'm so happy that he got his opportunity today, and he went out there and got us a victory. With the stuff he's got, if he finds the strike zone, he'll beat anybody."

Garret Anderson homered and drove in four runs for Los

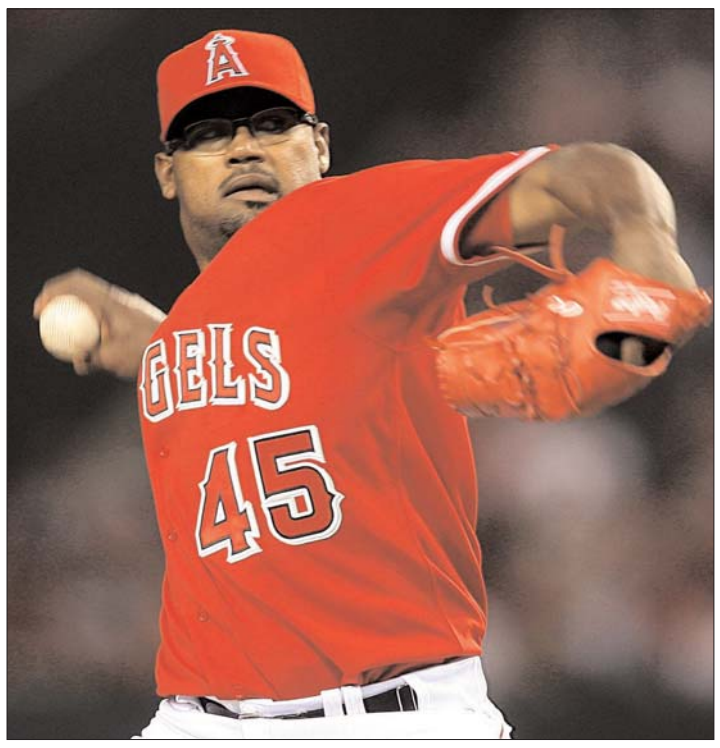


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**Angel Kelvim Escobar lasted only two and two-thirds innings and gave up five runs on six hits, his second shortest outing of the year.**

Angeles, which remained 6 1/2 games ahead of Seattle in the AL West following the Mariners' eighth straight loss. Howie Kendrick had three hits and two RBIs.

Anderson greeted C.J. Wilson with a three-run homer in the ninth after the left-hander relieved Joaquin Benoit. But Wilson came back to retire Maicer Izturis with a pop-up and Kendry Morales on a fly ball to end it for his ninth save in 10 chances.

"The biggest out of the game was getting Morales," Washington said. "You're never comfortable against that those guys until you get that 27th out."

Escobar (15-7), perhaps feeling the effects of the 99-degree temperature at game time, lasted only 2 2-3 innings in his second-shortest outing of the season. He struck out six, but allowed 11 of his 18 batters to reach base — giving up five runs, six hits and four walks after going 4-0 with a 2.67 ERA over his previous four starts.

The right-hander, who began the day with the second-best ERA in the AL, saw it jump from 2.77 to 2.99. It was the fifth time in 26 starts this season that Escobar allowed more than three earned runs.

"It was pretty hot out there and it took me a while to get going," said Escobar, who made 39 of his 78 pitches in the second inning. "I didn't have my best stuff today and I never got into my rhythm. I couldn't get my ball down in the strike zone. And when I got ahead, I couldn't finish them off. They made me work, and they got me."

With major league teams expanding their active rosters to a maximum of 40 players on Saturday, the Rangers activated third baseman Hank Blalock from the disabled list. The two-time All-Star had been limited to 39 games this season because of a condition called "thoracic outlet syndrome," which affects the nerves that pass through the shoulder into the neck.

**Notes:** Escobar is 2-6 with a 3.88 ERA in nine starts against AL West teams this season. Both wins have come against the Rangers.

The Angels activated C Mike Napoli, who missed 33 games with a strained right hamstring. He was injured stealing second base on July 27.

Angels C Jeff Mathis threw out Kinsler trying to steal second in the first inning — the only time the Rangers' leadoff hitter has been erased in 18 attempts this season. As a team, Texas had been successful in their previous 24 stolen base attempts since Byrd was gunned down by then-Angels C Jose Molina on July 5.

Angels RHP Rich Thompson made his major league debut with an inning of one-hit relief, striking out his first two batters. RHP Jason Bulger also made his big league debut for the Halos with a hitless ninth.

# 2nd-tier school Appalachian State stuns the No. 5 ranked Michigan 34-32

**By LARRY LAGE**
**AP Sports Writer**

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Dexter Jackson sprinted through the secondary early in the first quarter, taunting nearly 110,000 Michigan fans by putting a finger over his lips en route to the end zone.

Nearly 3 hours later he got the desired result and the Big House was silent: Appalachian State 34, No. 5 Michigan 32.

Julian Rauch kicked a 24-yard field goal with 26 seconds left to put the Mountaineers ahead of the Wolverines and Corey Lynch blocked a field goal in the final seconds to seal a jaw-dropping upset that may have no equal.

"I told them to be quiet — we're going to be out here all day," Jackson said, explaining the gesture he used after scoring 68-yard touchdown. "We're playmakers. They were talking trash on us, now we've gotten them back.

"It was David versus Goliath."

Mike Hart, Chad Henne and Jake Long, Michigan's trio of offensive stars who put off the NFL and returned for their senior season to chase a national championship, never saw this coming.

Coach Lloyd Carr didn't, either, after tweaking his contract to possibly pave the way for this to be his last season on the sideline.

Carr looked ashen as the upset unfolded, and didn't sound much better when he finally arrived at his postgame news conference.

"I've never been part of a loss that wasn't miserable," he said.

It didn't take long to notice the second-tier power belonged on the same field because it made up for a slight size disadvantage with superior speed and, perhaps, more passion.

The two-time defending champions from former Division I-AA were ahead of the nation's winningest program 28-14 late in the second quarter, before their storybook afternoon seemed to unravel late in the fourth quarter.

Hart's 54-yard run with 4:36 left put the Wolverines ahead for the first time since early in the second quarter.

One snap after the go-ahead touchdown, Michigan's Brandent Englemon intercepted an errant pass, but the Wolverines couldn't capitalize and had their first of two field goals blocked.

Then Appalachian State drove 69 yards without a timeout in 1:11 to set up the go-ahead field goal.

"I've been dreaming about that kick every day," Rauch said.

Still, it wasn't over.

Henne threw a 46-yard pass to Mario Manningham, giving Michigan the ball at Appalachian State's 20 with 6 seconds left and putting the Wolverines in position to win it with a field goal.

Lynch blocked the kick and almost returned 52 yards to the 18 as the final seconds ticked off.

His teammates rushed across the field to pile on as the coaching staff and cheerleaders jumped with joy.

"No Division I-AA team had beaten a team ranked in The Associated Press poll from 1989-2006, and it's unlikely that it happened after Division-I subdivisions were created in 1978.

"It is one of the biggest losses ever, but give all the credit to Appalachian State," Hart said.

The Mountaineers are not eligible to receive votes in the AP Top 25 poll because they're not in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Appalachian State's win does seem to trump the game second-tier programs used to regard as their crowning achievement — The Citadel's season-opening win in 1992 over Arkansas that led to the firing of Razorbacks coach Jack Crowe following the game.

Carr will not get fired after this upset, but he might be wishing he had retired after last season when the Wolverines won 11 games before closing with losses to Ohio State and USC.

When it was over, he didn't second-guess decisions to go for 2-point conversions twice in the final 15-plus minutes, but did lament many mistakes, penalties and missed opportunities.

"We were not a well-prepared football team," Carr said. "That is my job, and I take full responsibility."


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•Any volunteers available to respond to countywide disasters on the disaster team or Health and Safety

For more information, contact Shirley Purvis or Robin Hill @ 463-0112; e-mail: arcmc@pacific.net

**West Company**

•Any volunteers available for the month of September, we have an annual event called "Celebrate Business," which needs volunteers for servers and help in kitchen, with the food.

•Also in need of volunteers at the Commerce Cafe for marketing, accounting, law, financial and planning expertise. Also in need for client tracking, follow-up survey and clerical tasks, such as copying, filing, phone relief, plant care

For more information, contact Marlene @ 468-3553 or visit www.westcompany.org

**Willits Community Services**

•Any volunteers available to help at the Food Bank to help with distribution of food, agency maintenance, and office volunteers

For more information, contact Linda Myers @ 459-3333

**Disabled American Veterans**

•Any volunteers located in Mendocino County or Santa Rosa available to transport veteran patients to San Francisco VA Medical Center

For more information, contact Jeny Erickson for Mendocino County @ 485-7706 or e-mail at Erkkson@pacific.net

For Santa Rosa area, contact Ken Wingett @ 544-9929

**Mendocino County Youth Project**

•Any volunteers interested in working with youth.

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For more information, contact Mary @ 462-9196.

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For more information, contact the VORP Office @ 462-6160.

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For more information, contact Janet @ 468-9577.

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# Masonite memories

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As demolition progresses at the former Masonite plant, we invite those who worked there – or whose family members were employed at the mill – and anyone else with memories of Masonite and its role in our community to send us their Masonite memories for publication in The Daily Journal. Please get the information to us by Sept. 14. Photos are also welcome. If you are a former employee, we'd also like to know what you're doing now.

Submissions may be mailed to: Jody Martinez, Ukiah Daily Journal, P.O. Box 749, Ukiah, CA 95482; faxed to 468-3544; e-mailed to udjjm@pacific.net (please type 'Masonite' in the subject line) or dropped off at our office at 590 S. School St.

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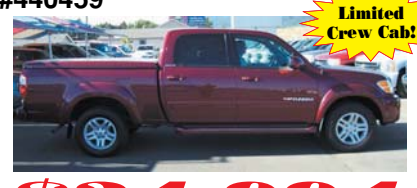
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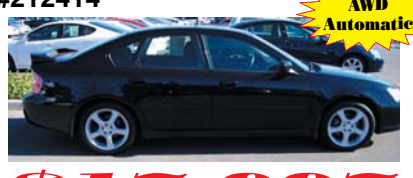
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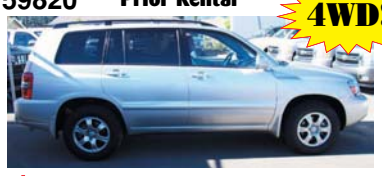
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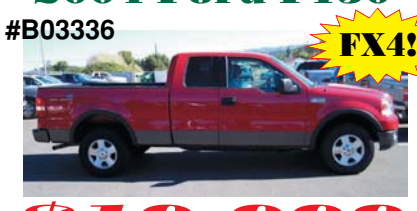
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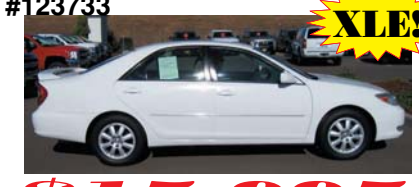
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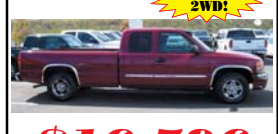
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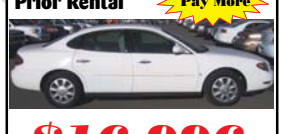
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**TODAY**

97°

Plenty of sunshine

**TONIGHT**

52°

Clear

**MONDAY**

93°

57°

Areas of low clouds and fog, then sun; warm

**TUESDAY**

88°

50°

Mostly sunny and breezy

## SUN AND MOON

| | |
|---|---|
| Sunrise today | 6:42 a.m. |
| Sunset tonight | 7:43 p.m. |
| Moonrise today | 10:38 p.m. |
| Moonset today | 1:06 p.m. |

## MOON PHASES

| Last | New | First | Full |
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| Sept. 3 | Sept. 11 | Sept. 19 | Sept. 26 |

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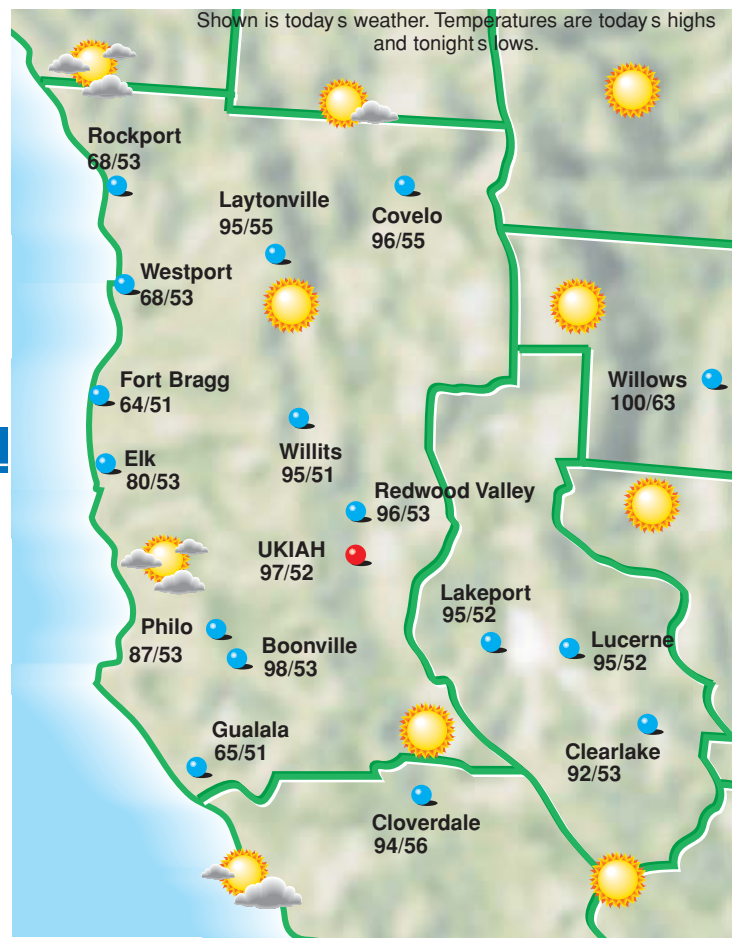
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| High | 95 | |
| Low | 57 | |
| Normal high | 89 | |
| Normal low | 54 | |
| Record high | 112 | in 1950 |
| Record low | 41 | in 1911 |

**Precipitation**

| | |
|---|---|
| 24 hrs to 2 p.m. Sat. | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 0.00" |
| Normal month to date | 0.01" |
| Season to date | 0.12" |
| Last season to date | 0.00" |
| Normal season to date | 0.20" |

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## REGIONAL WEATHER




## CALIFORNIA CITIES

| City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Mon. Hi/Lo/W | City | Today Hi/Lo/W | Mon. Hi/Lo/W |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anaheim | 99/69/s | 91/68/pc | Napa | 88/51/s | 87/56/pc |
| Antioch | 94/58/s | 89/59/s | Needles | 109/85/s | 111/87/pc |
| Arroyo Grande | 71/56/pc | 83/53/pc | Oakland | 80/56/pc | 74/56/pc |
| Atascadero | 100/55/s | 96/58/pc | Ontario | 105/71/s | 101/69/s |
| Auburn | 95/66/s | 95/63/s | Orange | 105/66/s | 91/67/pc |
| Barstow | 109/78/t | 109/80/s | Oxnard | 75/62/s | 75/63/pc |
| Big Sur | 65/55/pc | 79/56/pc | Palm Springs | 112/85/s | 110/84/s |
| Bishop | 99/57/pc | 99/59/s | Pasadena | 99/70/s | 95/71/pc |
| Blythe | 110/85/s | 109/86/s | Pomona | 102/65/s | 96/66/s |
| Burbank | 100/68/s | 96/69/pc | Potter Valley | 96/53/s | 90/57/pc |
| California City | 105/71/t | 105/67/s | Redding | 103/61/s | 98/63/s |
| Carpinteria | 76/61/s | 73/62/pc | Riverside | 104/67/s | 102/69/s |
| Catalina | 85/68/s | 75/65/pc | Sacramento | 101/57/s | 93/60/s |
| Chico | 100/63/s | 96/64/s | Salinas | 75/54/s | 71/58/pc |
| Crescent City | 63/53/pc | 65/55/pc | San Bernardino | 104/67/s | 101/69/s |
| Death Valley | 119/84/pc | 123/86/s | San Diego | 78/69/s | 80/70/pc |
| Downey | 96/68/s | 91/67/pc | San Fernando | 103/69/s | 94/68/pc |
| Encinitas | 81/67/s | 84/67/pc | San Francisco | 80/58/pc | 72/58/pc |
| Escondido | 91/66/s | 93/67/pc | San Jose | 90/60/s | 80/60/s |
| Eureka | 62/49/pc | 66/53/pc | San Luis Obispo | 85/55/s | 83/57/pc |
| Fort Bragg | 64/51/pc | 69/54/pc | San Rafael | 88/54/pc | 69/58/pc |
| Fresno | 108/75/s | 104/73/s | Santa Ana | 87/68/s | 85/67/pc |
| Gilroy | 93/54/s | 85/56/pc | Santa Barbara | 78/60/s | 75/59/pc |
| Indio | 111/80/s | 110/82/s | Santa Cruz | 77/57/pc | 76/58/pc |
| Irvine | 87/68/s | 84/67/pc | Santa Monica | 77/66/s | 79/66/pc |
| Hollywood | 96/68/s | 93/67/pc | Santa Rosa | 90/53/s | 85/54/s |
| Lake Arrowhead | 91/53/t | 93/56/t | S. Lake Tahoe | 82/39/pc | 82/46/s |
| Lodi | 100/59/s | 98/60/s | Stockton | 100/59/s | 98/61/s |
| Lompoc | 82/67/s | 73/59/pc | Tahoe Valley | 82/39/pc | 82/46/s |
| Long Beach | 89/68/s | 86/66/pc | Torrance | 83/67/s | 85/67/pc |
| Los Angeles | 95/68/s | 90/66/pc | Vacaville | 100/58/s | 96/60/s |
| Mammoth | 82/45/pc | 78/48/s | Vallejo | 90/53/s | 73/57/pc |
| Marysville | 100/57/s | 96/58/s | Van Nuys | 101/69/s | 98/68/pc |
| Modesto | 100/62/s | 97/64/s | Visalia | 104/62/s | 101/66/s |
| Monrovia | 101/69/s | 94/68/s | Willits | 95/51/s | 87/55/pc |
| Monterey | 70/54/pc | 68/56/pc | Yosemite Valley | 100/57/pc | 98/59/s |
| Morro Bay | 71/55/pc | 70/57/pc | Yreka | 89/51/s | 93/53/s |

**Weather (W):** **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

**Lake Mendocino** – Lake level: 725.94 feet; Storage: 50,054 acre-feet (Maximum storage 122,500 acre-feet) Inflow: 139 cfs Outflow: 249 cfs
**Air quality** – n/a

# Blog

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square foot mall project. But whether there's still a water right left on the Masonite site is being questioned - after five years of non-use you lose a water right and Masonite's been closed for six. There have been complaints sent to the state about the assumptions about water on the Masonite site and the state could easily decide there is none. (As for sewer, DDR has told people that it will need about 900 sewer hookups for its project. Well, the Ukiah Valley only has about 1,100 available for the foreseeable future. DDR doesn't care. They apparently told one local person that if they use up all our sewer hookups, we'll just have to build a new sewer plant. Think fees are high now? Wait until we have to float another bond in a couple of years to start another big sewer project. DDR will, of course have what it wants by then and will walk away leaving anyone who hopes to build or add on to a home in the valley holding the bag.)

But back to water. The developers of a housing project at the Forks claimed to have rights to 1,400 acre feet of water annually on the Russian River with which to serve more homes and made a deal with Millview for the water. (To give you a comparison, I'm told the City of Ukiah uses 3,500 acre feet of water a year.) Again, a complaint was filed with the state and the state just recently told these developers that no, you have 15 acre feet a year, not 1,400. The city of Ukiah says it has 15,000 acre feet of river water rights but, again I'm told, the city still buys about 800 acre feet of water each year. If they have so much unused water, why do they buy water?

These are all things I'm hearing from a variety of people who work with water issues all the time. The Russian River Flood Control District is one of the bodies that has been raising questions about specific water rights people are claiming to have. When a water right is negated by the state, it does not revert to someone else, it simply ceases to exist. One man I talked to said that he thinks there's an agenda among some people on the RRFCD to stop growth in the Valley by reducing the water rights available through state edict. A member of the RRFCD board said he believes it's the opposite, that the RRFCD simply wants to make sure that developers are A) not blindsided by a lack of water in the middle of a project and B) that downstream users are not left without water because big developers come in claiming to have water service and later when the state inevitably limits the water they are long gone. It seems to me that the very last thing this valley needs is to have a lawsuit filed and have all of our growth decisions being made by Superior Court judges for the next ten years.

It seems to me that we do need to figure out a way to find out really what is out there. It seems to me that we should start moving to a valley-wide political water body rather than having all these little water districts all agreeing to serve people when they don't have the water. Already Redwood Valley, Millview and Hopland are all under state-ordered water moratoriums.

And here's another thought someone put in my head today.

Normally, when a big developer wants to come to a town and do something in an area that is zoned for something else, they ask for a zoning change and then they normally have to do an environmental impact report and show what the impacts will be and what the possible mitigations for that are. Then the town or county can look at all that and make a decision. In the case of the Ukiah Valley Area Plan, the county is paying for all these enormously expensive studies. Why?

Someone suggested why not leave the Masonite land in industrial zoning for the purposes of the UVAP, pass the UVAP, and then let DDR come in and ask for the zoning change, putting the financial burden on them to do the studies.

I can see that that's not very good planning, to pass a brand new Area Plan and then immediately invite suggestions to change it. I would make the argument that in order to pass the UVAP the county ought really to decide whether it wants to change the zoning there. However, I'm still wondering why we are doing the studies instead of DDR since they are in such a hurry.

I am not among those who say that the only answer to the Masonite property is to leave it industrial. I am not automatically for DDR's mall either. Like a lot of Valley residents I have seen the complete lack of progress or even effort to find some industry to come in and use that land. I also believe that if some industry that would create even the tiniest amount of smoke, smell, waste, or an uncool product tried to come in, the same people insisting on leaving the land industrial would be demanding the county deny a permit. I also don't know that our downtown would be destroyed by more retail in the area. I like our downtown. I like the small shops, the small town feel of it, and the shady trees. But frankly I wish a lot of these stores were open at night and on Sundays when I have time to shop at them.

Now, having said all that, I really hate the idea that DDR is convinced it has the three votes needed to do whatever it wants. And I am sure that what it wants is to put up a big mall on the Masonite site as fast and cheaply as possible before anyone has the time to object to the design or the lack thereof, or file a lawsuit over the water, require them to build their own wastewater treatment plant, or realize that they are using up much of the last of the growth resource we have in this valley. I am pretty sure that if we rezone the Masonite land without strict rules about what can go there, what the design elements must be, how much of it must be green and include how much and what kinds of housing, transportation advances and other specifics, we're going to get a freeway mall like every other and DDR will be trotting off to the bank. I am not against growth. I believe we primarily need more housing. I believe we can certainly use more retail. And I believe that the Masonite land is a good place to do something forward-thinking for our community.

But as soon as we rezone it, we have handed over both our carrot and our stick.

# Molesters

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dren (for instance someone convicted of rape or indecent exposure). Jessica's Law prohibits placing any type of sex offender in housing within 2,000 feet of a school or park where children may congregate.

"One of the natural consequences of Jessica's Law was that it places large parts of the community off limits," Sessa said.

A more stringent law, previous to Jessica's Law, limits high risk child molesters from living within half a mile from a school or park.

The Ramada Inn on Talmage is far enough away from such places to make it among the few places in the Ukiah Valley under the law where paroled sex offenders can be temporarily placed, Sessa said.

He explained that the placement of sex offenders at the motel is considered temporary, while the parolee finds other housing. One parolee may be at the motel for a month, while others may be there just a few days, replaced by others as they are paroled. He said the state has used a variety of motels in the Ukiah area in the past, but as of now only has sex offenders housed at the Ramada.

According to a spokeswoman at the Ramada Inn, the state pays $79 per day, the regular daily rate for any room. That means a sex offender living at the Ramada Inn will cost the taxpayers more than $2,300 a month. The spokeswoman said she was aware that they housed state parolees and had no problem with it "as long as they're decent."

Without such contracts, the state - which normally does not pay for housing parolees - had feared the sex offenders would become homeless and less easy to track.

Sessa said the state has recently changed its policy on paying for the temporary housing and has informed all its parolees that as of the end of September there will be no more money coming from the Department of Corrections for housing.

"It was a well-intended policy but probably an errant one when we started subsidizing the housing," Sessa said. "We hope other social services agencies out there will provide."

That means these offenders may have to tap local and state indigent housing funds for help or become homeless and possibly begin showing up at homeless shelters.

"If they end up homeless, we also have a parole procedure where they are required to come to the parole office every day to document to us where they spent the night," Sessa said, adding that those who are required to carry global positioning system - or GPS - tracking devices can recharge them at local parole offices.

Sessa said that while paroled sex offenders are not always child molesters, in this case the six sex offender parolees currently at the Ramada Inn have all been convicted of lewd and lascivious conduct with a minor under 14 - or child molesting. One of the six is considered a high risk offender.

All sex offenders go through a clinical screening four months before their parole date to determine their risk level. Once they are let out of prison, all are supervised by local parole agents, and Sessa said they are required to meet a range of conditions more stringent than that of other convicts on parole. Those conditions can include: No contact with victims, curfews, mandatory treatment, and places they are not allowed to go in the community. High risk offenders have even more restrictive conditions and are generally supervised by parole agents with 20 or fewer parolees to keep track of.

Sessa said the state has put up sex offenders in similar motels in cities throughout the state, including Fort Bragg and Willits.

Under Megan's Law - the law requiring public access to sex offender registration lists - the California Department of Justice maintains lists of sex offenders and where they live. The Megan's Law listing for the Ukiah area does not list any sex offenders at 601 Talmage Road, the address of the Ramada Inn. Sessa said that is probably because it is considered temporary housing.

The DOJ site indicates there are 180 sex offenders living in Mendocino County, about 117 of them in the inland county area. Some 55 sex offenders are listed in the Ukiah zip code, one in Talmage, one in Calpella, nine in Redwood Valley, two in Potter Valley and four in Hopland.

Farther afield are listings for sex offenders in Willits (25), Philo (1), Boonville (3), Covelo (9), Laytonville (7) and Fort Bragg (24).

All sex offenders have to register their status with local law enforcement. Not all sex offenders are parolees. Some sex offenders are probationers who have not been to prison. Others have served their time or their probation and are on the sex offender list, since with few exceptions sex offenders are listed for life.

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# It takes a community to salvage an event



**Community chatter**
**By Kathy Davidson**

For over two decades I have been enjoying the fireworks display while sitting in the bleachers at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds.

That location has always donated its facility to the Ukiah Chamber of Commerce who was the agency that took on this event.

In the early years, you saw booths of food, drinks and souvenirs by the local non-profits lined up along the path to the arena.

I remember taking a tray of drinks into the stands (representing a local club) and selling them as they do in the ball games, and others sold popcorn and candy the same way. At one time they had a reasonably priced barbecue near the pond going a few hours before the fireworks to bring in more people.

There were lots of sponsors - the price was about $4 to $6 a person, and you paid for parking (run by another non-profit).

Throughout the years, the state's rules changed the fairground's policies. A vendor was contracted to supply the food and drinks exclusively for all fairground events including the fourth of July. Not a big deal, because the people still came, the fireworks were still good, and it was worth the thrill to see the Color Guard reverently pass by with the American Flag held by veterans who walked onstage as we saluted our flag. Great patriotic music was heard and people danced on the lawns, families spread out their blankets and lawn chairs and it was another great Ukiah happening.

Funding this great event was always a problem. The Chamber would get help from sponsors whose list dwindled every year.

Sometimes the City helped, and then in later years the casinos, corporations and larger businesses were very generous in their donation to support the fireworks. Still it was a losing proposition.

The sponsor money barely covered the cost of the fireworks crew. It costs an enormous amount of money to bring them here for a decent show.

Attendance was crucial and so prices had to go up (what hasn't in 20 years?). The Chamber tried family packages, offered free parking, John Bogner of Selzer Realty was there dressed as Uncle Sam no matter how hot it was and handed out a large "made in the USA" American flag to all. So there were benefits. The Chamber tried many variations to gain attendance. Some stores paid for a block of tickets and you could pick them up at the store for a discounted entry or sometimes even a free entry.

In the end, over 35 percent of the viewers of the fireworks never walked through the entry gate and paid an admission fee to support the fireworks.

They watched from the railroad tracks across the street, or at neighboring homes or along State Street near the fairgrounds.

There has to be a way to bring these people on site for a paid admission. 65 percent of the community plus many businesses and organizations should not pay for their enjoyment of the event.

I realize that young families may have a problem paying four or five admissions, yet I can see them at other events, pizza parlors, and with costly electronic toys which tells me that money is spent easily for some things - why not this once a year family event for the community honoring our freedom?

I don't know how Ukiah Speedway, considered a small business, afforded the expenses to fully fund a community event of this magnitude and expect to survive.

The owner openly pleaded with the audience on July 4th to write their supervisors and council members to support the event next year. I don't blame them. Why should a privately owned business fund such an event? The publicity is good, but that cannot possibly justify the costs.

After speaking to the owner of Ukiah Speedway, she sadly confirmed that they could no longer afford it and that there will not be any fireworks in 2008 unless someone else takes it over.

She asked if I could in this column, ask you, the citizens to write letters to the City of Ukiah and County of Mendocino, and their visitor bureau agencies to take over the fireworks display and event.

The fairgrounds fee is already funded - which is a huge amount, and a joint effort should be attempted to really come up with a plan that will fully support the fourth of July at the fairgrounds.

I am sure that sponsors will help as they do with other City, county and community events, but to only depend on business entities alone in unfair.

Meanwhile on July 4, 2007 the Ukiah Speedway took over a $5,000 loss, even with the help of major sponsors Coyote Valley Shodakai Casino, Vogel's RVs, and Scott Field Executive Hotels. Additional sponsors were Rona's Quality Construction, Local Flavor - Bake House, and Dave Hull Insurance Company.

The Felt Tips put on a wonderful performance at no charge, and hundreds of dollars from private citizens and small businesses came in, including many anonymous people who overpaid at the gate just to fatten the kitty.

If there is another event at the fairgrounds, the City needs to provide some leadership and direction for exiting the parking areas. It is a nightmare trying to get out of the two exits.

If they would just open up both ingoing and outgoing fairground lanes on the North State Street Exit (since no one is going into the fairgrounds at closing) and have officers placed at both exits directing traffic, over 30 minutes could have been cut off just sitting in your car waiting to go home. This one factor could be one reason people don't attend, especially with small children that need to go to school the next day.

There are many bugs and improvements to work out but it will take a collaboration of people and agencies, and should never fall on the shoulders of one business.

I agree with Ukiah Speedway to write letters. This is my public letter to the City and County, will yours arrive soon to these local governments? Remember, Out of the Mud, Grows the Lotus.

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• Ryan David Lotten, 26, and Jennifer Lynn Hewitt, 23, of Ukiah.

• Griffin Donigan Bramble, 30, and Portia Renee Boni, 23, of Eureka.

• Ryan Benjamin Rose, 22, and Kelsey Mae Schiemann, 23, of Willits.

• Joshua Lee Terkelsen, 23, and Amber Jean Monteiro, 19, of Ukiah.

• Bodhi Guido Idarius, 31, and Lindsey Patricaia Dunham, 23, of Ukiah.

• John Oscar Bellow, 35, and Maria Theresa Navarro, 36, of Las Vegas, N.V.

• Jose Macario Reyes, 28, and Sonja Lynn Bjerknes, 35, of Laytonville.

• James Robert Seay, 67, and Mary Beth Watson, 63, of San Diego.

• Clayton Miles Boek, 23, and Kelly Lorraine Stafford, 21, of Northridge.

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• Zachary Scott Wilson, 20, and Heather Psalm Perkins, 19, of Silver City, N.M.

• Steven Douglas Klein, 32, and Ann Marie Bailey, 31, of Maple Grove, Minn.

• Mario Patino, 34, and Gabriela Dominguez, 30, of Willits.

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• Richard Allen Davis Lambeth, 39, and Shauna Ann Bernice Fickle, 25, of Fort Bragg.

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• Perrin Ramone Hoaglen, 57, and Virginia Mae Scribner, 57, of Covelo.

• Troy Christopher Holdren, 37, and Gina Marie Van Der Wende, 37, of Fort Bragg.

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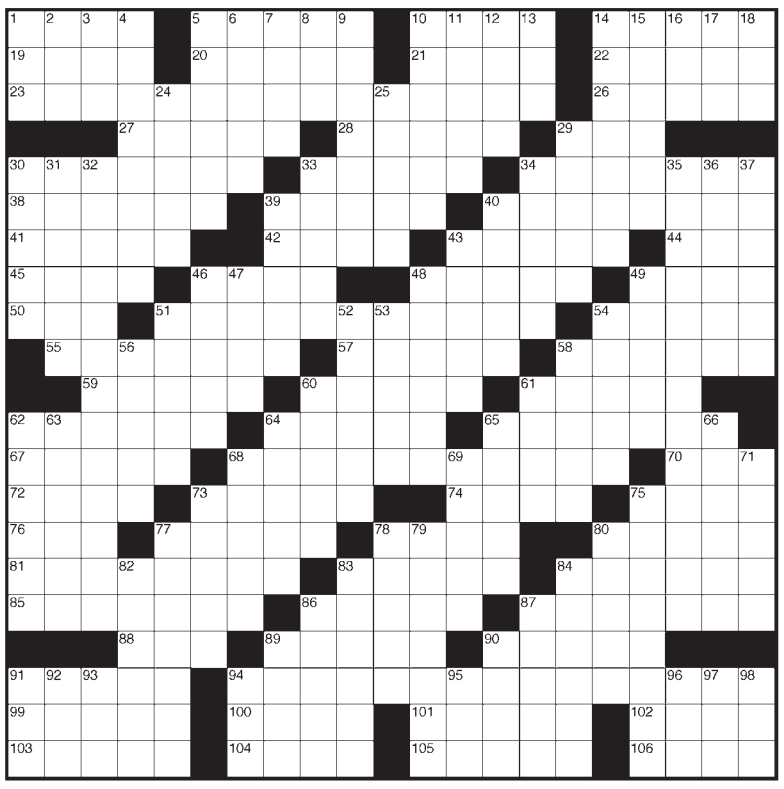
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By Robert Zimmerman

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1. Gosh!
5. Carrying heat?
10. Moist
14. Charger
19. Songstress Halliwell
20. Put out, as a fire
21. Epps or Sharif
22. "Butterfield 8" author
23. Don't look for shipyards here!: 2 wds.
26. Aired again
27. Radials
28. Lock, of a sort
29. Wet's opponent
30. Expose
33. Costs of some crossings
34. 1899 event: 2 wds.
38. Drew close
39. Slices off
40. Renter's maneuver
41. Front office figures
42. Black
43. Noth of "Law & Order"
44. Engine speed, for short
45. Strays
46. Ta-ta
48. ORD, on luggage
49. Mongolia's continent
50. Lao-tzu's teachings
51. Not where Putin hangs his hat!: 2 wds.
54. Lewis Carroll creature
55. OK as a dwelling
57. Gardeners, at times
58. Flycatcher, familiarly
59. Film's "Mr. Moto"
60. Ready with a quip
61. One-thousandth: prefix
62. Toyota model
64. Target: 2 wds.
65. Shiny fabrics
67. "300" et al.
68. Not the site of Eisenstein's steps: 2 wds.
70. Candidate ID
72. Muscle quality
73. With subtle humor
74. NYC reformer of the 1890s
75. Bowery denizen
76. Green prefix
77. Subject of 2007 tomb discovery
78. Beard's anchor
80. Election leftovers
81. Nose affliction
83. Civil War historian
84. Blue — in "Yellow Submarine"
85. Makes certain
86. Check the grammar
87. Former Turkish VIPs
88. — Lingus
89. Siberian woodland
90. Shoreline scavengers
91. Edit
94. No Brandenburg Gate here!: 2 wds.
99. Actress Edie
100. Oven setting
101. Dark time
102. River into Donegal Bay
103. Slot insertion
104. Sheathed with metal
105. Author Nin
106. Will not

**DOWN**
1. Hen's delivery
2. Salon supply
3. Coach Parseghian
4. Bends, in a way
5. Idolized
6. Shell crew member
7. Spa applications, for some
8. WNW's opposite
9. Rodriguez in "Traffic": 2 wds.
10. Carpenter's pegs
11. Accumulate
12. Ares, in Rome
13. In advance: prefix
14. Brown horses
15. " — playing our song ..."
16. Corn carrier
17. Women's rights issue: abbr.
18. TV's Rather
24. Collapses, in a way
25. Sen. Specter
29. Gillis of '60s TV
30. 1928 Nobel literature honoree
31. Of the nerves
32. The river here is not the Nile!: 2 wds.
33. Forbidden
34. Southwest carrier
35. No, this wasn't Chopin's home town!: 2 wds.
36. Seek a goal
37. New film, old story
39. Serenity
40. Persian potentates
43. Cautious
46. U.S. Army helicopter
47. — of Pines
48. Single-named folk singer
49. Anoint
51. Chagall, et al.
52. Fanciful idea
53. Small bits
54. Monica of tennis
56. Met casting requirement
58. Sandwich pockets
60. Handle
61. The most: prefix
62. Et follower
63. Time spans
64. So long, senor
65. Rouen's river
66. Assign a substitute: 2 wds.
68. Root for perfume
69. Old-hat
71. Role for Heston
73. Fend off
75. Words of greeting: 2 wds.
77. Joined the payroll: 2 wds.
78. Welsh —
79. Choir refrain
80. Casals' instrument
82. Subtle meaning
83. Got an F
84. Swindles
86. Hooded garment
87. Snack, in Japanese
89. Greenish blue
90. Computer warning, for short
91. Toward the rear
92. "Long March" leader
93. Lodge member
94. London broadcaster
95. Finish first
96. Sign of success
97. Traveler's lodging
98. See-through material



Puzzle answers on the next page

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Sunday, Sept. 2, 2007



# ASTROGRAPH

**By Bernice Bede Osol**

## Your Birthday

**Monday, Sept. 3, 2007**

A number of different alliances you make in the year ahead could all come together into a group that will be of value in many constructive ways. You'll learn lessons from the others that will serve you well.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Only virtuous behavior will stand up to your opposition. So when you engage in any activity that could affect another, be honest with yourself about whose interests you have at stake.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Take care not to say anything in front of others that you wouldn't want repeated to an audience of your peers. If you speak out of turn or without forethought, it'll make you look bad.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Adopting an attitude of expecting more for yourself than is fair, especially where money is involved, will not sit well with associates. Be careful you don't come off as greedy.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Be extremely careful about hastily committing yourself to an activity or agreement that would not serve your best interests. In either case, you could get yourself in deep trouble.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Unless you're careful, you could thoughtlessly brush aside a matter of an urgent nature and, in the process, create a new series of problems that further compounds what you neglected.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- If you are a bit of a risk taker, it could make you susceptible to participating in something that has slim chances for success. Take care not to apply this to dangerous activities.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** -- If you feel intimidated by someone, be on your toes and don't allow this person to coerce you into doing something against your better judgment. Find the strength to walk away.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** -- You might be able to make your points, but how you go about it will depend on whether or not you make an enemy in the process. Be tactful about what you say and how you say it.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** -- Be extremely considerate when engaging in a joint venture with someone with whom you enjoying doing business. If things don't go right, you could lose money as well as a friend.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** -- Do not underestimate your opposition when you find yourself caught up in a competitive development. To be on the safe side, assume he or she is as capable as you know you are.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** -- If you have to deal with a few responsibilities that aren't to your liking but cannot be ignored under any circumstance, don't make a big fanfare over it. Be a sport.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- If you're not discriminating about the company you keep, you could find yourself caught up in a situation that might damage your image and reputation. Select your pals wisely.

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Today is the 245th day of 2007 and the 74th day of summer.

**TODAY'S HISTORY:** In 1864, Union Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman entered Atlanta, Ga.

In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt made his "speak softly and carry a big stick" speech on American foreign policy.

In 1963, Alabama Gov. George Wallace prevented the integration of Tuskegee High School.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Christa McAuliffe (1948-1986), schoolteacher/astronaut; Terry Bradshaw (1948-), sportscaster/football player, is 59; Mark Harmon (1951-), actor, is 56; Keanu Reeves (1964-), actor, is 43; Salma Hayek (1966-), actress, is 41.

**TODAY'S SPORTS:** In 1960, Wilma Rudolph ran the 100-meter dash in 11 seconds to claim the gold at the Rome Olympics. However, her world record was revoked because wind speeds were higher than allowed.

**TODAY'S QUOTE:** "A typical vice of American politics is the avoidance of saying anything real on real issues." -- President Theodore Roosevelt

**TODAY'S FACT:** Teddy Roosevelt himself attributed the phrase "Speak softly and carry a big stick" to a West African proverb.

**TODAY'S MOON:** Between full moon (Aug. 28) and last quarter (Sept. 3).

# Talking 'elstuoba' with my good friend Briton



## Village Idiot

By Jim Mullen

The early computer pioneer Alan Turing thought a good test of a computer's intelligence would be if you couldn't tell whether you were dealing with a human or a computer during, say, an extended e-mail exchange. To pass the Turing Test, the computer would have to answer and ask questions, understand slang and have a lively sense of humor.

It would also have to be rude, unpleasant and irrational at times, or people would guess right away that they were talking to a computer and not a human.

To pass the Turing Test, a computer could not reply, "You misspelled 'mother'" to the message "My mothre just died." It would have to understand the message and respond in a sympathetic way.

Turing came up with his test 57 years ago, and I'm not sure whether any computers have met his challenge. However, most computers aren't designed to fool humans that way any more than a wrench is designed to remove screws. Acting human is not a goal to which computers aspire, so the test is never really applicable.

I say the true test of a computer's intelligence is how it handles spam. If a computer can tell that an e-mail from someone with the unlikely name of Briton Elveros with a subject line of "elstuoba" is junk mail and the monthly statement from my cable TV company is not, it passes. I will buy that program.

Based on this simple test, most programs are complete failures. While mine correctly put the "elstuoba" message in the trash, it also put an e-mail from an old friend and this month's phone bill in the trash. I have to go through the trash box every few days to reclaim the misfiled mail, including e-mail from services I subscribe to.

How do I know Briton Elveros is a fake name? I don't. But I'm pretty sure I don't know anyone named Briton Elveros, so why should I read his e-mail, especially when he (or she) wants to talk about elstuoba? I knew it was bogus right away, but my computer probably had to exert a good deal of effort trying to figure out how fishy it was.

Sometimes I wish my mail program would throw out the junk mail but save the names of the senders for me. Fake names like Weldon Gomez, Carmen Sweeny, Humberto Yang and Kenny Hinkle might come in handy if I ever decide to write crime fiction.

So here's where we stand: We have programs that can send a spacecraft to Alpha Centauri, programs that run giant factories, and programs that search millions of fingerprints in a few moments -- but none that can figure out that Mrs. Achabe from Nigeria really isn't going to share $130 million with me.

No program can tell the difference between the "urgent" in the subject line of an e-mail that means "absolutely, positively, completely non-urgent" and the "urgent" that means get to school right away, your child is sick. The difference between the two is something humans can do almost without effort.

Today, with all my e-mail filters in place, I received an e-mail from Rizan Kougias whose subject line was "keeping your girlfriend happy." Why doesn't my computer know I'm married and don't have a girlfriend? Even if I did have a girlfriend, I'm not sure Rizan's advice was such a sure thing. It turns out that "keeping your girlfriend happy" did not involve buying her a dozen long-stemmed roses or taking her to dinner and a movie but something spectacularly personal, crude and vulgar.

I had to tell the computer not to accept mail from Rizan ever again. But why did it think I wanted that message in the first place? Maybe the hard part of the Turing Test is not getting computers to act human, but getting humans to act human.

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# Making the most of your employer's offerings

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If you think your paycheck shows your worth to your employer, you could be selling yourself seriously short. The latest issue of Consumer Reports' Money Adviser reveals that only 80.6 percent of total compensation in the United States goes to wages and salaries. The rest pays for employee benefits, such as retirement plans, health and disability insurance and other perks. So if you're not taking full advantage of your employee benefits, you're walking away from some of your compensation.

But maximizing those perks may not be easy. Here are some tips to help you make the most of your benefits:

• **Retirement plans:** Topping the employee-benefits list, from the standpoint of dollars spent, are retirement benefits, which account for 46 percent of the total, according to Consumer Reports' Money Adviser. That's where the money is, so you should be sure to get the full value from your company's 401(k) or similar plan. Unfortunately, other parties might already be reaping rewards from your retirement plan, as the fees in 401(k)s may significantly decrease participants' retirement savings. For example, if your 401(k) plan's investment offerings include variable annuities or funds that carry 12b-1 fees, you may be paying more than you should to save for retirement. What to do: If your company has a high-cost 401(k), you should contribute at least enough to get any employer-matching contribution. If you qualify for traditional IRA deductions or for Roth IRA contributions, those are better choices than unmatched contributions to a high-cost 401(k) plan.

• **Health benefits:** Most employers offer at least two types of health plans: one with a preferred-provider organization (PPO) and another with a health-maintenance organization (HMO). PPOs contract with doctors, hospitals and other providers, whom members must use in order to avoid higher co-payments. Generally, there are annual deductibles to meet before the plan will pay benefits. HMOs offer members a range of health benefits for a monthly fee with no deductibles or maximums. A member who goes outside the HMO without referral from a primary-care doctor may be responsible for the cost of services received What to do: Review your claims history and make a projection for the coming year. See how the costs of preventive-care and prescription-drug expenses are likely to be covered in each of the plans, and compare monthly premiums and out-of-pocket costs. Some companies, meanwhile, offer a low-cost, high-deductible health plan coupled with a health savings account, which is designed to allow workers to save for current and postretirement qualified medical expenses tax-free.

• **Disability insurance:** Disability insurance provides you with income if you're unable to work. Generally, group long-term disability benefits start when short-term benefits are exhausted and continue anywhere from five years to life. Those benefits replace about 60 percent of salary. In some cases, group disability is fully paid for by employers. In others, employers fund a basic plan and employees can buy supplemental coverage. What to do: Someone in good health might do better looking beyond the group coverage to the individual market for supplemental disability coverage. A policy you purchase on your own may not only be more liberal in approving benefits but will also be portable, so you can retain coverage if you change jobs. If you decide to purchase individual coverage, pay the premiums with after-tax dollars. That way, any disability benefits you receive won't be taxed.

• **Life insurance:** Your employer may offer some free life insurance, as well as the opportunity to buy more coverage through a group plan. What to do: If you have health problems, use the group plan. It will have limited, if any, screening for medical conditions. You might not be able to get outside coverage or it might be too costly. If you're healthy, consider passing up the group plan in favor of individual coverage. Individual policies may have premiums that are guaranteed for up to 20 years, while group premiums rise as you get older. An additional caveat about group plans: If a group policy can't be converted to individual coverage when you leave the company, it could be disastrous, especially if you have medical issues. Instead, your group life insurance might be used to provide coverage for purposes such as making sure your college-age kids can finish their education.

*Visit the Consumer Reports Web site at www.consumerreports.org.*



Everyday Cheapskate
By Mary Hunt

# How to sneak healthy stuff into kids' food

Because publishers know what a loyal following this column enjoys, new books show up on my desk with regularity, with requests that I review them for my readers. I am honored at the arrival of each one, but not many grab my attention the way "The Sneaky Chef" (Running Press, 2007) did. In this book, author Missy Chase Lapine has created hundreds of simple ways to hide healthy foods in kids' favorite meals.

It's Lapine's contention that if you want peace at the dinner table, you need to hide the foods kids should eat in the dishes they will eat. Then give these dishes names that make the kids giggle, and you'll be home free.

Does it work? I asked my editorial assistant, Kristen Bergman, to find out. She brewed up a batch of "green juice" (pureed spinach) and blended it with vanilla ice cream, milk and vanilla extract to make an Earth Day Milk Shake. It turned green, but even Kristen, who knew what was in it, couldn't detect anything but a yummy vanilla milk shake.

If you feed picky eaters and you are at your wits end for how to move them toward more healthy eating, take a look at "The Sneaky Chef" the next time you're at the library or bookstore. Until then, here's a tasty sampling:

## *Extra sneaky strawberry breakfast ice cream*

Just the idea of kids getting away with eating "ice cream" for breakfast is bound to bring squeals of joy. Just make sure they aren't watching you make it.

1/4 ripe avocado
1/2 cup frozen strawberries
2 tablespoons plain yogurt
1 tablespoon honey or sugar

Puree ingredients in blender on high until smooth (or process in food processor). Makes about 1-1/2 cups of "ice cream."

## *Breakfast cookies*

2 cups whole-grain cereal flakes, like Wheaties or Total
3/4 cup Flour Blend (see recipe below)
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 large egg
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup canola oil
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
3/4 cup low-fat ricotta cheese
cinnamon sugar for dusting

Preheat oven to 400 F. Grease baking sheet or line with parchment paper. Crush cereal into coarse flakes, and place in large mixing bowl along with Flour Blend, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Whisk until well blended. In separate large bowl, whisk together egg, sugar, oil, vanilla and ricotta cheese. Add the dry ingredients and mix until just moistened. Drop by tablespoons onto baking sheet, leaving 1 inch between dough. Flatten dough with back of fork and sprinkle generously with cinnamon sugar. Bake 18 to 20 minutes, or until nicely browned and crispy around the edges.

Makes 16 to 18 large cookies.

## *Flour blend*

(For use in Breakfast Cookies above)

1 cup all-purpose, unbleached white flour
1 cup whole-wheat flour
1 cup wheat germ, unsweetened

Combine the flours and wheat germ in a bowl or zipper-type bag. Can be stored in a sealed bag or container for months.

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# *Industry playing with performance measurements*

Admit it: When you are selecting mutual funds, you fall into that old trap of relying on past performance, don't you?

You've heard me say for years -- and you've seen it printed in every fund prospectus -- that"past performance does not guarantee future results."

Still, when making their investment decisions, most consumers continue to look only at the"report cards" issued by Morningstar and other ratings services. It's just too easy.

I've been using this column lately to highlight the retail mutual fund industry's questionable business practices. For this column, I'll show you three ways in which the industry takes advantage of the public's obsession with ratings and"past performance."

• Closet indexing: Many investors wonder whether you should buy index funds or actively managed funds. Index funds are funds that largely mimic the Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Index or some other common benchmark. People like them because they're inexpensive.

But others choose to spend more money for an actively managed fund. They are betting that under the direction of a savvy and experienced fund manager, the fund will generate better-than-market-average returns.

Here's the shocker: According to a 2006 study by Yale University, 1 in 3 retail mutual funds that claims to be "actively managed" in fact, largely mimics the S&P 500 stock index!

Investors buy a fund because they want to hire a manager who they think will beat the S&P -- and they're willing to pay up to 10 times more in fees for this -- only to discover that their fund might simply mirror the S&P 500.

Why is this happening? Simple:



Truth about money
By Ric Edelman

Managers fear that they might not do as well as the S&P. And if that happens, you would dump the fund. If enough customers do that, the manager will get fired. So he figures,"I'll just mimic the S&P and that way my results will be very similar -- and I'll protect my job."

According to a researcher quoted in Financial Planning magazine,"There are many funds in the closet, charging fees for very little active management."

• **Survivorship bias:** Retail mutual fund companies are happy to tell you how they've done overall. If they offer 100 funds, they'll tell you the average return of all of their funds -- ostensibly to demonstrate that, overall, they are good at managing money. (After all, if only one fund did well while 99 fared poorly, you'd shy away.)

Unfortunately, the fund company's statistics refer only to their funds that currently exist! So if one of their funds has been performing poorly for several years, the firm simply terminates the fund or merges it with another. Thus, the offending fund's performance statistics are wiped away, as though it never existed. This misleads investors into believing that a fund company's overall performance is better than it really is.

In 1995, Lipper Analytical Services said that the average annual return for retail stock mutual funds in 1986 was 13.4 percent. Today, though, Lipper says the average return for that same year of 1986 was 14.7 percent. Why the difference? In 1995, there was 1986 performance data on 568 retail stock funds; but by 2005, only 434 of those funds were still in existence. The other 134 funds had disappeared -- 24 percent of the total! Obviously, those 134 had lower-than-average performance records. Thus, the current record only reflects the results of the funds that still exist.

When a retail mutual fund terminates, it triggers tax liabilities that you must pay. Even worse is when a fund is merged into another: You find yourself owning shares of a fund you might not want. In both cases -- termination and merger -- you get no advance warning and have no say in the matter; the termination or merger occurs whether or not you like it.

• **Cloning:** If a successful retail mutual fund closes, the fund company can't accept new accounts. To solve that problem, it borrows an idea from Hollywood and releases a sequel. The XYZ Fund II, it tells you, is just as good as the original XYZ Fund. Once you look back at the performance reports for the original fund, you're seduced.

What isn't touted is the fact that the clone fund's objective -- and even its manager -- may be different from the original, meaning the clone will not perform like the original. That concern is irrelevant to the retail mutual fund industry; they care only that the ploy attracts money from investors.

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# Family should follow the traditional financial path



SMART MONEY
BY BRUCE WILLIAMS

**DEAR BRUCE:** I recently remarried after being a single mom for 12 years. My kids are 20 and 17 years old. The oldest is finishing her second year in college. I make $65,000 a year, and we have taken out loans for her studies, receiving some Stafford subsidized and unsubsidized loans. This year, my new husband does not want me to take on more debt because he is debt-free. I want to make sure my children get educated. We now have a combined income of $300,000 a year. I don't want my new husband to pay for their education. What are my options for the best loans for my children? Am I missing some opportunity for them to obtain monies? If I pay cash for their tuition, do we have tax benefits? If not, what is the best thing for me to do for the kids? I do have my other home in my name only, in case I need to sell for their security. -- D.K., via e-mail

**DEAR D.K.:** You guys don't have any financial problems, only some disagreement as to how your funds should be handled. Why not follow the traditional path of the husband supporting the family? That would mean you would have his income of $235,000 to support the family and, with your $65,000, you should be able to put your children through school comfortably. I still believe the kids ought to take out some loans. This education is for them, so why make it totally painless? But that's up to you. I'm also wondering if you guys have a prenuptial agreement. If not, you might consider a post-nup, since there are obvious differences of opinion as to how money should be spent and what debts should be entered into.

**DEAR BRUCE:** My two siblings and I inherited land from our parents. There are now two gas wells, another on the way, with plans to have all our property pooled within the next two years, for a total of five wells. For me, the monthly income from the two wells is $6,000 per month. The future wells will most likely have the same monthly income. For long-term investment and tax savings, would it be more prudent for my husband and I (67 and 60 years old) to buy a larger house in the $300,000 range with the minimum down payment and then rent ours for the tax break? Or should we put that money into some type of equity-indexed annuity? -- P.A., via e-mail

**DEAR P.A.:** I don't know where you got the idea that buying a house, and then renting it, provides a tax break. Under present financing, minimum down payments are minimally available, no pun intended. The overwhelming likelihood is that you're not going to find a decent rate. I'm not sure why you are considering the purchase of a much larger house at this point in your life. In general, you've got a good income and investing in the marketplace, in an intermediate range of risk, would be the best long-term strategy for people of your age, income and worth.

# PUZZLE ANSWERS

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**9-2,5,9,12/07**

**NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR THE REDWOOD VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT STORM DAMAGE EROSION REPAIR TO THE LAKE MENDOCINO PUMPING STATION ACCESS ROAD AND PUMPING STATION PROJECT**

Redwood Valley County Water District invites bids from qualified firms for the Redwood Valley County Water District Storm Damage Erosion Repair to the Lake Mendocino Pumping Station Access Road and Pumping Station Project located near Ukiah, Mendocino County, California 95482. The work generally consists of shaping eroded road embankment and placing of rock slope protection along the eroded road embankment and at one corner of the pumping station. Contract Documents may be obtained between 8am and 5pm at the Redwood Valley County Water District at 2370 Webb Ranch Road, Redwood Valley, CA 95470 upon payment of $50 (non-refundable). Questions concerning plans and bid items shall be directed to Cliff Ruzicka, Project Engineer, Ruzicka Associates Consulting Engineers at 707-263-6155. Questions relative to this work and for access to the project site shall be directed to Bill Koehler, General Manager, Redwood Valley County Water District at 707-485-0679. Sealed bids will be received at the District Office at 2370 Webb Ranch Road, Redwood Valley, CA 95470 until September 17, 2007, at 3pm. Firms classified as a Minority Business Enterprise/Woman Business Enterprise/Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE/DVBE) are encouraged to participate. Bids will be opened at the District Office at 3:00 p.m. on September 19, 2007.

**685-07**

**08-2/07**

NOTICE OF UKIAH PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING - NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the City of Ukiah, California, will conduct a public hearing and consider acting on a Use Permit application filed by the Mendocino County Rural Murals Project. The Planning Commission will conduct the public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as practical, in the Council Chambers of the Ukiah Civic Center, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, California. The Rural Murals Project is proposing to paint murals in two locations: 1) On the north wall of the main South Valley High School building facing McGarvey Park; and 2) On the SPACE building located at 508 Dora Street. The Rural Murals Project is a component of the Mendocino County Department of Public Health Alcohol and Drug Program and Prevention Services. The Planning Commission welcomes public participation on this matter. All interested persons may attend and participate in the public hearing. Information regarding the murals may be obtained by contacting the Planning and Community Development Department Staff at 463-6203, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. S/Charley Stump, Director of Planning and Community Development. PUBLISH: September 2, 2007.

**658-07**

**8-26,9-2/07**

**INVITATION TO BID**

The project is located on the east side of Humboldt Bay (south of Eureka and north of Fields Landing), directly across from the bay channel opening to the Pacific Ocean. Sections of the revetment adjacent to the railroad tracks are in need of repair. The revetment area extends for approximately 3,100 feet, of which 500 feet (MP 279.37 to MP 279.5) is to be rebuilt and 2600 feet (MP 279.5 to MP 280.0) is in need of maintenance. The first 500' (MP 279.37 to MP 279.5) of the tracks will be shifted 8' east of the existing track centerline Sections of the trackbed between MP 279.5 to MP 28.0 that are hanging will need to be filled with sand and gravel.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the performance of the work described as:

**North Coast Railroad Authority**
**MP 279.37 to MP 280.0**
**Revetment Repairs**

Will be received by the Executive Director of the North Cost Railroad Authority ("NCRA") until the time of Bid Opening, at which time the bids so received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid Opening will be held at HNTB's office located at:

**1330 Broadway, Suite 1630**
**Oakland, CA 94612**
On
**September 7, 2007 at 3:00 PM**

Bids received after the date and time stated above will be rejected as non-responsive. It is highly recommended that all bids be hand delivered.

The time of completion shall be 126 working days, commencing one calendar day following issuance of the Notice of Award by NCRA. Notice of Award to follow after bid opening, pending resolution of administrative matters and Approval by NCRA Board of Directors. The Bidder and all his subcontractors to whom the Contract is awarded must, at the time of award, possess current licenses as required by the California State Contractors License Board for the area of work for which they have bid.

Performance Bonds and Payment Bonds are not required on bids less than $25,000. However, a Bidder's Bond is required on all bids. Bids shall be submitted on the original forms, signed by authorized personnel provided in these Contract Documents.

NCRA is an Equal Opportunity employer. Contractor shall comply with the Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action requirements as set forth in these Contract Documents. It is the policy of NCRA that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, age, disability, or sex be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity conducted by NCRA.

In accordance with California Public Contract Code 22300, Contractor may substitute securities for any money withheld under "Payments to the Contractor" of Section 01027 Price and Payment Procedures. At Contractors request and expense, securities equivalent to the amount withheld shall be deposited with NCRA, or with a state or federally chartered bank as the escrow agent, who shall pay such monies to Contractor. Upon satisfactory completion of the contract, the securities shall be returned to Contractor.

NCRA reserves the right, to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in bids, and to accept or reject any items of the bid.

To receive a copy of the Contract Documents, Technical Specifications, and Bid Documents contact (Lillie Lam at 510-587-8657):

**HNTB Corporation**
**1330 Broadway, Suite 1630**
**Oakland, CA**
**(510) 208-4599**

All inquiries concerning the Technical Specifications, Contract Documents, Bidding Procedure and Legal Requirements must be communicated in writing to the undersigned by U.S. or express mail at HNTB Corporation, 1330 Broadway, Suite 1630, Oakland, CA 94612; by fax to 510-208-4595, or by email to pcasey@hntb.com. A pre-bid conference will be held at:

**On-site**
**(Meeting point to be provided)**
**On**
**August 29, 2007 at 2:00 PM**

By order of the North Coast Railroad Authority. State of California, on August 22, 2007.

**636-07**

**8-26, 9-2/07**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The County of Mendocino is holding a total of $1,444.48 in its Victim Witness trust account. To our knowledge none of these funds are the property of infants and or persons of unsound mind. Claim for refund of any portion of the above sum may be made only by the person who made the deposit. To recover any of the above, a verifiable claim must be filed with the County Treasurer prior to the close of business on October 10, 2007. Any deposits not claimed by this date shall automatically revert to the County's Victim Witness Fund.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**001-07**

**9-2/07**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Ukiah Police Department receives numerous items of found property on a continual basis. If you have lost items within the Ukiah city limits within the past 90 days, you may check to determine if it has been turned in as found property by calling 463-6259.

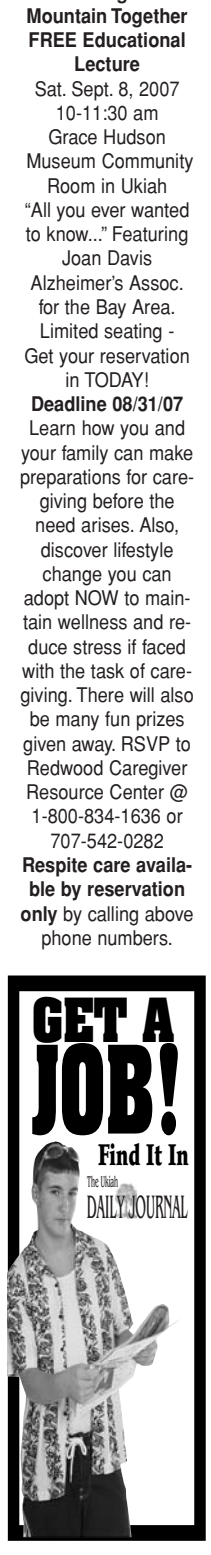
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## 10 NOTICES

**Climbing The Mountain Together FREE Educational Lecture**

Sat. Sept. 8, 2007
10-11:30 am
Grace Hudson Museum Community Room in Ukiah
"All you ever wanted to know..." Featuring Joan Davis
Alzheimer's Assoc. for the Bay Area.
Limited seating - Get your reservation in TODAY!
**Deadline 08/31/07**
Learn how you and your family can make preparations for caregiving before the need arises. Also, discover lifestyle change you can adopt NOW to maintain wellness and reduce stress if faced with the task of caregiving. There will also be many fun prizes given away. RSVP to Redwood Caregiver Resource Center @ 1-800-834-1636 or 707-542-0282
**Respite care available by reservation only** by calling above phone numbers.




## 10 NOTICES

**Climbing The Mountain... Together**

**Alzheimer's Caregiver Benefit Grace Hudson Museum Sat. Sept. 8 2-6 pm Tickets $25**
Several dynamite local artists will perform. Sponsored by: Thrivent Financial for Lutherans & Soroptimist International of Yokayo Sunrise.
**Tickets:** Mendocino Book Co., Ukiah Chamber of Commerce Ukiah, and Leaves Of Grass, Willits or any Committee Member or Carole Hester @ 707-463-1231. **Fantastic silent auction items available!**

## 20 PERSONALS

**DEBBY HARRINGTON**
Please call me. It is quite important; concerning something back some 30 years ago. Please 463-2071 Jimmy

## 30 LOST & FOUND



I was wandering down Hwy 175 in Hopland on 8/28. I am just about 4 mo. old, a male Lab mix. What danger I was in. Anything could have happened to me! I shudder to think about it. Well now I am safe at the Ukiah shelter. If I am yours, please come find me. I will be up for adoption on 9/4. I am at 298 Plant Rd or call Sage 467-6453.

## 120 HELP WANTED

**ELECTRICIAN**
Journeyman/Electrician in training. **Tipton Electric** 707-462-8229

**Help Wanted**
P/T. Dishwasher, baker/breakfast cook & host. Apply at Hopland Inn 13401 S. Hwy 101.

## 120 HELP WANTED

**ACCOUNTANT**
FT Accountant to oversee AP, PR, maintain GL, prepare FS and required bank reporting, prepare and maintain budgets, forecasting and analysis. Min. BA degree or equivalent or five years exper. Benefits inc. health, retirement, holiday and vacation pay, etc. Job description & application available
**Solid Wastes of Willits, 350 Franklin Ave. EOE**

**Accounting:**
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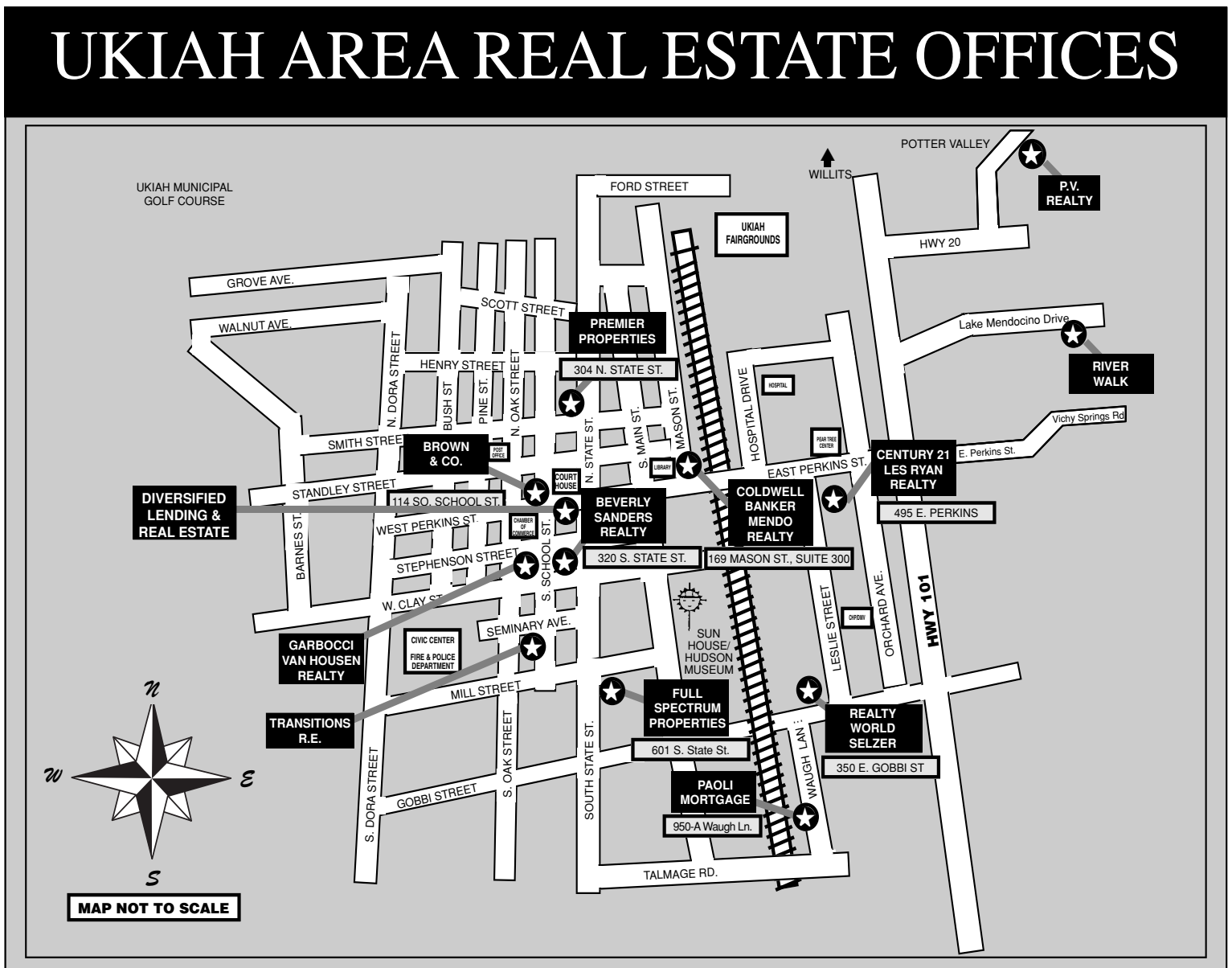
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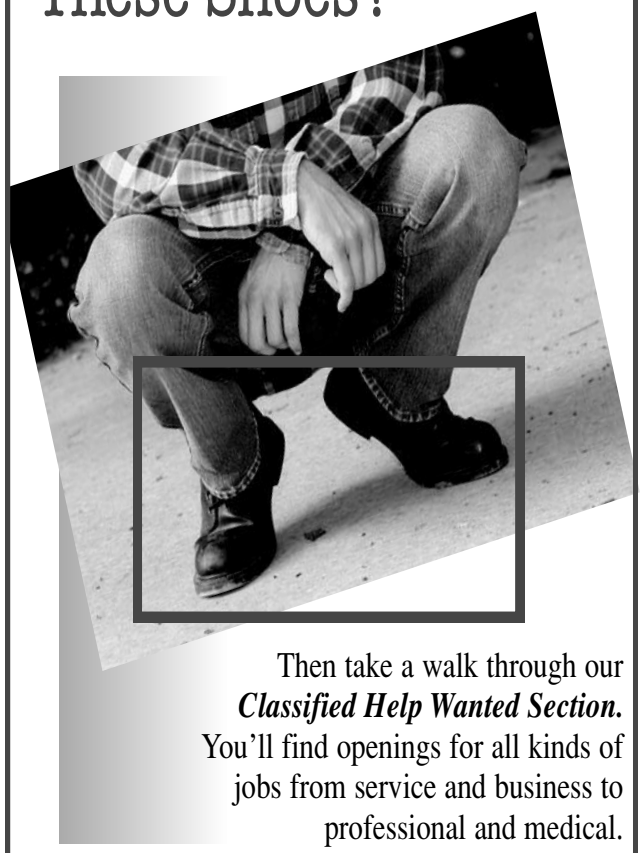
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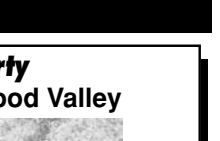
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**676 S. Orchard Ave, Ukiah**

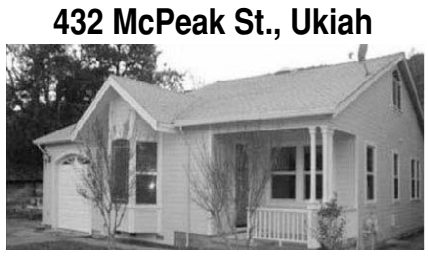


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Charming two bedroom, two bath home complete with bonus loft perfect for a home office, guest bedroom, or media lounge. Remodeled from top to bottom. Includes an attached single car garage, front porch and rear patio. $524,000

**1045 S. State St., Ukiah**



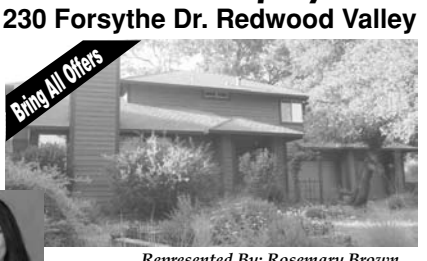
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**161 Rupe St., Ukiah**



Vacant Commercial Lot with easy access to freeway and Seller financing available. Neighboring parcels also for sale. This one for just $200,000

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**230 Forsythe Dr. Redwood Valley**






*Represented By: Rosemary Brown*
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***Featured Property***
**545 South Spring Street**





*Offered By: Patty McMillen*
Westside location, excellent price for this three bedroom two bath home with living room/family room, double car garage, deck and large yard. $369,900

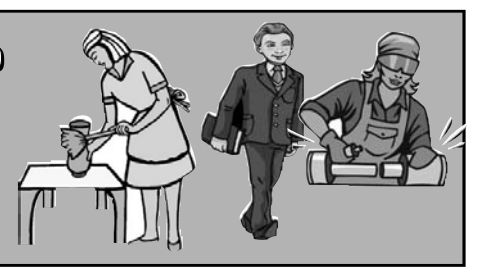
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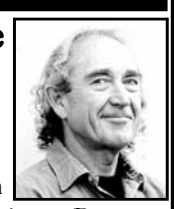
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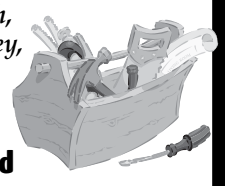
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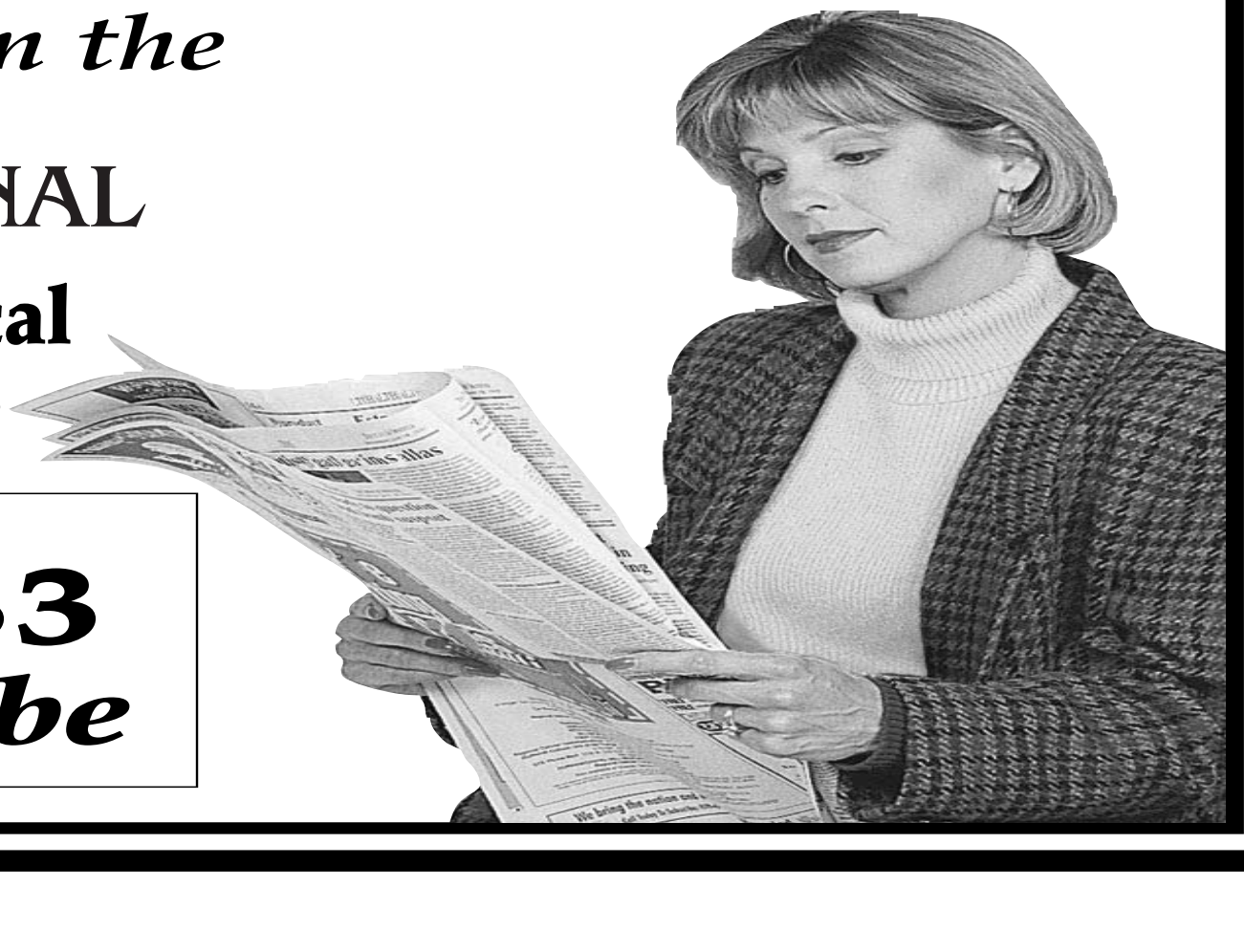
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